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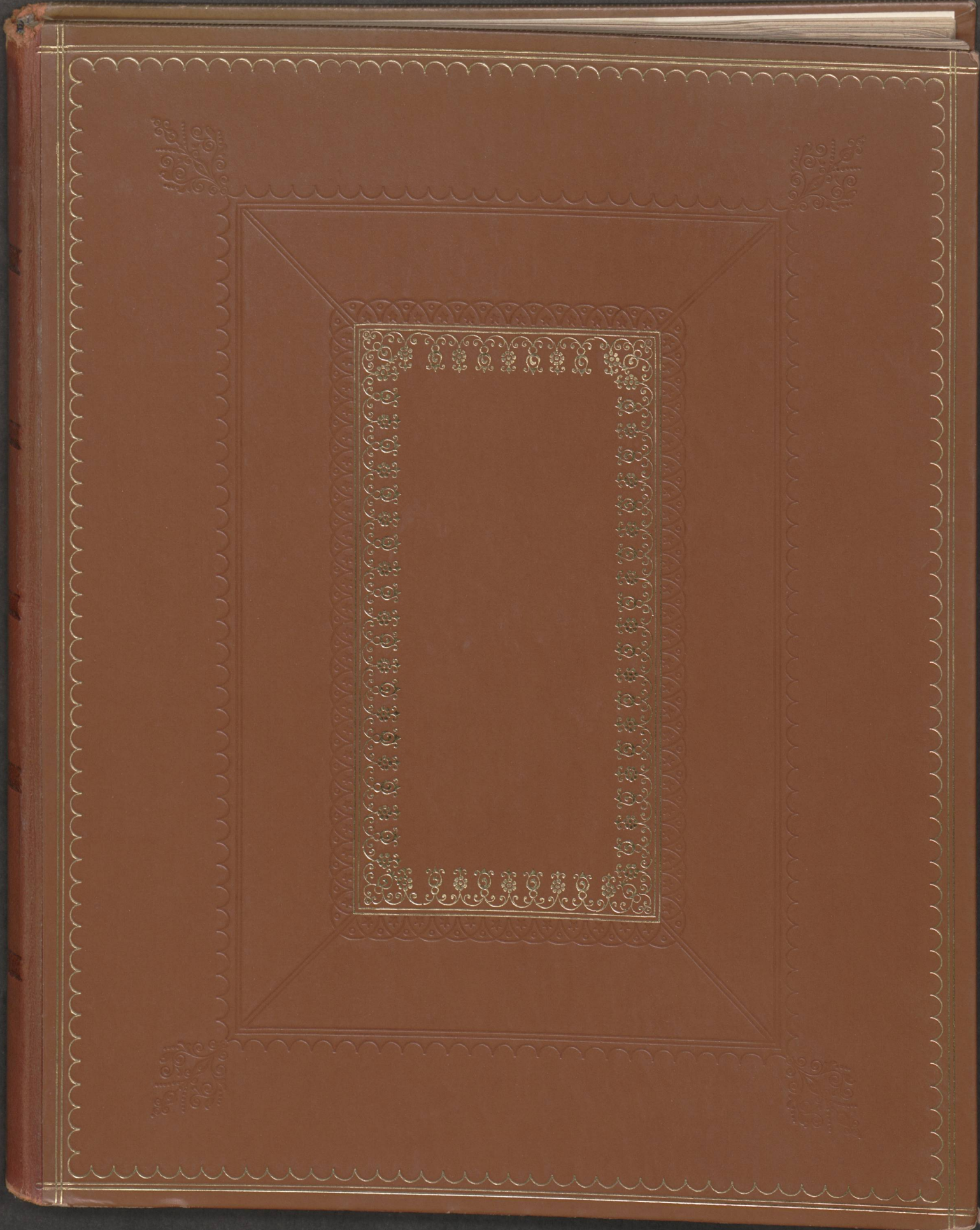
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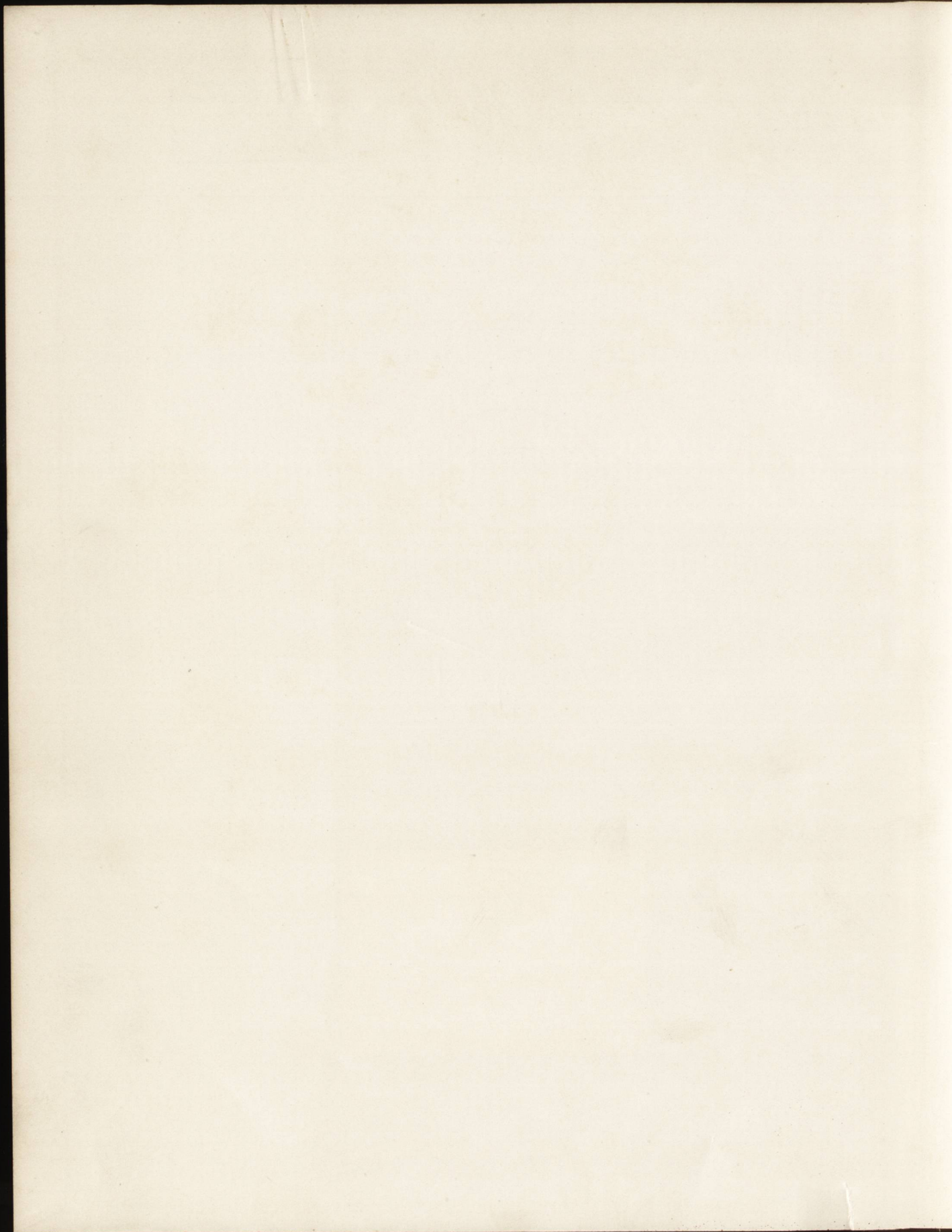
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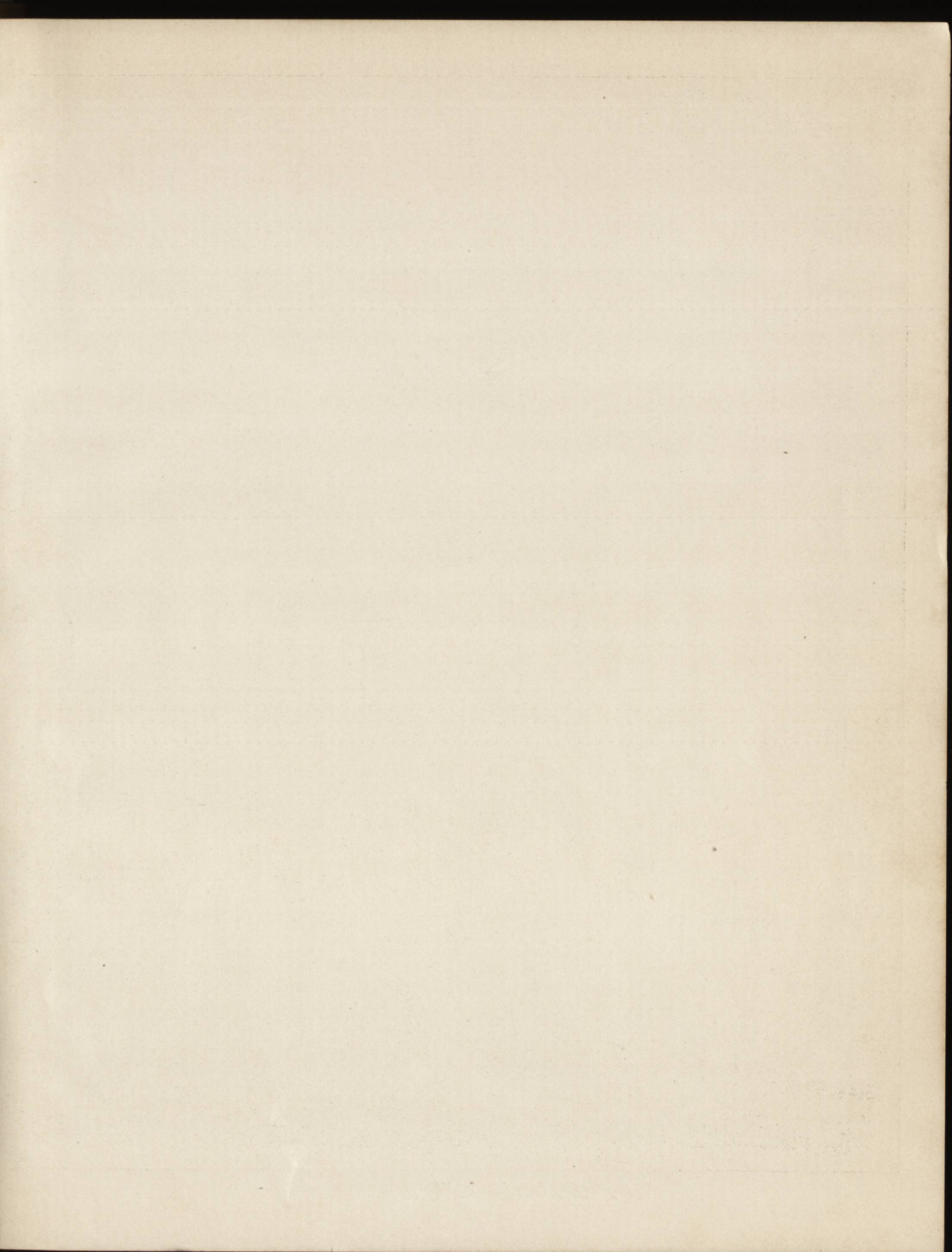
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HIS GRACE the DUKE of
M O N T A G U.

My Lord,



BY Order of his *Grace* the
DUKE of WHARTON,
the present Right Wor-
shipful GRAND-MASTER
of the *Free-Masons*; and, as his
† Deputy,

D E D I C A T I O N.

Deputy, I humbly dedicate this Book of the *Constitutions* of our ancient *Fraternity* to your *Grace*, in Testimony of your honourable, prudent, and vigilant Discharge of the Office of our G R A N D - M A S T E R last Year.

I need not tell your G R A C E what Pains our learned A U T H O R has taken in compiling and digesting this Book from the old *Records*, and how accurately he has compar'd and made every thing agreeable to *History* and *Chronology*, so as to render these N E W C O N - S T I T U T I O N S

DEDICATION.

STITUTIONS a just and exact Account of *Masonry* from the Beginning of the World to your *Grace's* MASTERSHIP, still preserving all that was truly ancient and authentick in the old ones: For every Brother will be pleas'd with the Performance, that knows it had your GRACE's Perusal and Approbation, and that it is now printed for the Use of the *Lodges*, after it was approv'd by the GRAND-LODGE, when your GRACE was GRAND-MASTER. All the *Brotherhood* will ever remember the Honour your GRACE has done them,
and

D E D I C A T I O N.

and your Care for their Peace,
Harmony, and lasting Friendship:
Which none is more duly sensible
of than,

My LORD,

Your GRACES

Most oblig'd, and

Most obedient Servant,

And Faithful Brother,

J. T. DESAGULIERS

Deputy Grand-Master,

THE
CONSTITUTION,
*History, Laws, Charges, Orders,
Regulations, and Usages,*

OF THE
Right Worshipful FRATERNITY of
Accepted Free MASONS;

COLLECTED
From their general RECORDS, and
their faithful TRADITIONS of
many Ages.

TO BE READ

At the Admission of a NEW BROTHER, when the
Master or *Warden* shall begin, or order some
other Brother to read as follows:



DAM, our first Parent, created after the
Image of God, *the great Architect of the
Universe*, must have had the Liberal
Sciences, particularly *Geometry*, written on
his Heart; for even since the Fall, we find
the Principles of it in the Hearts of his Offspring, and
which, in process of time, have been drawn forth into

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a convenient Method of *Propositions*, by observing the Laws of *Proportion* taken from *Mechanism*: So that as the *Mechanical Arts* gave Occasion to the Learned to reduce the Elements of *Geometry* into Method, this noble Science thus reduc'd, is the Foundation of all those Arts, (particularly of *Masonry* and *Architecture*) and the Rule by which they are conducted and perform'd.

No doubt *Adam* taught his Sons *Geometry*, and the use of it, in the several *Arts* and *Crafts* convenient, at least, for those early Times; for *CAIN*, we find, built a City, which he call'd *CONSECRATED*, or *DEDICATED*, after the Name of his eldest Son *ENOCH*; and becoming the Prince of the one Half of Mankind, his Posterity would imitate his royal Example in improving both the noble Science and the useful Art. *

Nor can we suppose that *SETH* was less instructed, who being the Prince of the other Half of Mankind, and also the prime Cultivator of *Astronomy*, would take equal Care to teach *Geometry* and *Masonry* to his Offspring,

* *As other Arts were also improv'd by them, viz. working in Metal by TUBAL CAIN, Music by JUBAL, Pastorage and Tent-Making by JABAL, which last is good Architecture.*

Offspring, who had also the mighty Advantage of *Adam's* living among them. †

But without regarding uncertain Accounts, we may safely conclude the *old World*, that lasted 1656 Years, could not be ignorant of *Masonry*; and that both the Families of *Seth* and *Cain* erected many curious Works, until at length *NOAH*, the ninth from *Seth*, was commanded and directed of God to build the *great Ark*, which, tho' of Wood, was certainly fabricated by *Geometry*, and according to the Rules of *Masonry*.

NOAH, and his three Sons, *JAPHET*, *SHEM*, and *HAM*, all *Masons true*, brought with them over the *Flood* the Traditions and Arts of the *Ante-deluvians*, and amply communicated them to their growing Offspring; for about 101 Years after the *Flood*, we find a vast Number of 'em, if not the whole Race of *Noah*, in the Vale of *Shinar*, employ'd in building a *City* and large *Tower*, in order to make to themselves a Name,

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† For by some Vestiges of Antiquity we find one of 'em, godly *ENOCH*, (who dy'd not, but was translated alive to Heaven) prophecy'g of the final Conflagration at the Day of Judgment (as St. Jude tells us) and likewise of the General Deluge for the Punishment of the World: Upon which he erected his two large Pillars, (tho' some ascribe them to *Seth*) the one of Stone, and the other of Brick, whereon were engraven the Liberal Sciences, &c. And that the Stone Pillar remain'd in Syria until the Days of *Vespasian the Emperor*.

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and to prevent their Dispersion. And tho' they carry'd on the Work to a monstrous Height, and by their Vanity provok'd God to confound their Devices, by confounding their Speech, which occasion'd their Dispersion; yet their Skill in *Masonry* is not the less to be celebrated, having spent above 53 Years in that prodigious Work, and upon their Dispersion carry'd the mighty Knowledge with them into distant Parts, where they found the good use of it in the Settlement of their *Kingdoms*, *Commonwealths*, and *Dynasties*. And tho' afterwards it was lost in most Parts of the Earth, it was especially preserv'd in *Shinar* and *Assyria*, where NIMROD,* the Founder of that Monarchy, after the Dispersion, built many splendid Cities, as *Ereck*, *Accad*, and *Calneh*, in SHINAR; from whence afterwards he went forth into ASSYRIA, and built *Niniveh*, *Rehoboth*, *Caleh*, and *Rhesin*.

In these Parts, upon the *Tygris* and *Euphrates*, afterwards flourish'd many learned *Priests* and *Mathematicians*,

* NIMROD, which signifies a Rebel, was the Name given him by the holy Family, and by Moses; but among his Friends in Chaldea, his proper Name was BELUS, which signifies LORD; and afterwards was worshipp'd as a God by many Nations, under the Name of Bel, or Baal, and became the Bacchus of the Ancients, or Bar Chus, the Son of CHUS.

ticians, known by the Names of CHALDEES and MAGI, who preserv'd the good Science, *Geometry*, as the KINGS and great Men encourag'd the *Royal Art*. But it is not expedient to speak more plain of the Premises, except in a *formed Lodge*.

From hence, therefore, the *Science* and *Art* were both transmitted to latter Ages and distant Climes, notwithstanding the Confusion of Languages or Dialects, which, tho' it might help to give Rise to the *Masons* Faculty and ancient universal Practice of conversing without speaking, and of knowing each other at a Distance, yet hinder'd not the Improvement of *Masonry* in each Colony, and their *Communication* in their distinct National Dialect.

And, no doubt, the *Royal Art* was brought down to *Egypt* by MITZRAIM, the second Son of *Ham*, about six Years after the Confusion at *Babel*, and after the *Flood* 160 Years, when he led thither his Colony; (for *Egypt* is *Mitzraim* in *Hebrew*) because we find the River *Nile's* overflowing its Banks, soon caus'd an Improvement in *Geometry*, which consequently brought *Masonry* much in request: For the ancient noble Cities, with the other magnificent Edifices of that Country, and particularly the famous PYRAMIDS, demonstrate the early Taste and Genius of that ancient Kingdom. Nay, one of those *Egyptian* PYRAMIDS *

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MIDS * is reckon'd the *First* of the *Seven Wonders* of the World, the Account of which, by Historians and Travellers, is almost incredible.

The Sacred Records inform us well that the eleven great Sons of CANAAN (the youngest Son of Ham) soon fortified themselves in strong Holds, and stately walled Cities, and erected most beautiful Temples and Mansions; for when the *Israelites*, under the great *Joshua*, invaded their Country, they found it so regularly fenc'd, that without the immediate Intervention of God in behalf of his peculiar People, the *Canaanites* were impregnable and invincible. Nor can we suppose less of the other Sons of Ham, viz. *Chush*, his eldest, in *South Arabia*, and *Phut*, or *Phuts*, (now called *Fez*) in *West Africa*.

And surely the fair and gallant Posterity of JAPHET, (the eldest Son of Noah) even such as travell'd into the Isles of the *Gentiles*, must have been equally skill'd in *Geometry* and *Masonry*; tho' we know little of their Transactions and mighty Works, until their original Know-

* *The Marble Stones, brought a vast way from the Quarries of Arabia, were most of 'em 30 Foot long: and its Foundation cover'd the Ground of 700 Foot on each Side, or 2800 Foot in Compass, and 481 in perpendicular Height. And in perfecting it were employ'd every Day, for 20 whole Years, 360,000 Men, by some ancient Egyptian King, long before the Israelites were a People, for the Honour of his Empire, and at last to become his Tomb.*

Knowledge was almost lost by the Havock of War, and by not maintaining a due Correspondence with the polite and learned Nations; for when that Correspondence was open'd in After-Ages, we find they began to be most curious Architects.

The Posterity of S H E M had also equal Opportunities of cultivating the useful *Art*, even those of 'em that planted their Colonies in the South and East of *Asia*; much more those of 'em, that in the great *Assyrian* Empire, liv'd in a separate State, or were blended with other Families: Nay, that *holy Branch* of S H E M (of whom, as concerning the Flesh, C H R I S T came) could not be unskilful in the learned Arts of *Assyria*; for A B R A M, after the Confusion at *Babel* A. M. 2078. about 268 Years, was called out of *Ur* of the *Chaldees*, 1926. where he learned *Geometry*, and the *Arts* that are perform'd by it, which he would carefully transmit to *Isbmael*, to *Isaac*, and to his Sons, by *Keturah*; and by *Isaac*, to *Esau*, and *Jacob*, and the twelve *Patriarchs*: Nay, the *Jews* believe that A B R A M also instructed the *Egyptians* in the *Assyrian* Learning. Ante Ch.

Indeed, the select Family long used *Military Architecture* only, as they were Sojourners among Strangers; but before the 430 Years of their *Peregrination* were expired, even about 86 Years before their *Exodus*, the Kings of *Egypt* forc'd most of them to lay down their A. M. 2427. 1577. Shepherds Instruments, and Warlike Accoutrements, Ante Ch. and

and train'd them to another sort of Architecture in *Stone* and *Brick*, as holy Writ, and other Histories, acquaint us; which God did wisely over-rule, in order to make them good *Masons* before they possess'd the promis'd Land, then famous for most curious *Masonry*.

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And while marching to *Canaan*, thro' *Arabia*, under *Moses*, God was pleased to inspire BEZALEEL, of the Tribe of *Judah*, and A HOLIAB, of the Tribe of *Dan*, with Wisdom of Heart for erecting that most glorious Tent, or *Tabernacle*, wherein the SHECHINAH resided; which, tho' not of Stone or Brick, was framed by *Geometry*, a most beautiful Piece of Architecture, (and prov'd afterwards the Model of *Solomon's* Temple) according to the Pattern that God had shewn to MOSES in the Mount; who therefore became the GENERAL MASTER-MASON, as well as King of *Jessurun*, being well skill'd in all the *Egyptian* Learning, and divinely inspir'd with more sublime Knowledge in *Masonry*.

So that the *Israelites*, at their leaving *Egypt*, were a whole Kingdom of *Masons*, well instructed, under the Conduct of their GRAND MASTER MOSES, who often marshall'd them into a regular and *general Lodge*, while in the Wilderness, and gave them wise *Charges*, *Orders*, &c. had they been well observ'd! But no more of the Premises must be mention'd.

And

And after they were possess'd of *Canaan*, the *Israelites* came not short of the old Inhabitants in *Masonry*, but rather vastly improv'd it, by the special Direction of Heaven; they fortify'd better, and improv'd their City-Houses and the Palaces of their Chiefs, and only fell short in *sacred Architecture* while the *Tabernacle* stood, but no longer; for the finest sacred Building of the *Canaanites* was the *Temple of Dagon* in *Gaza* of the *Philistines*, very magnificent, and capacious enough to receive 5000 People under its Roof, that was artfully supported by two *main Columns*;* and was a wonderful Discovery of their mighty Skill in true *Masonry*, as must be own'd.

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But *Dagon's Temple*, and the finest Structures of *Tyre* and *Sidon*, could not be compared with the ETERNAL God's Temple at *Jerusalem*, begun and finish'd, to the Amazement of all the World, in the short space of *seven Years* and *six Months*, by that wisest Man and most glorious King of *Israel*, the *Prince of Peace and Architecture*, SOLOMON (the Son of *David*, who
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* *By which the glorious SAMPSON pull'd it down upon the Lords of the Philistines, and was also intangled in the same Death which he drew upon his Enemies for putting out his Eyes, after he had reveal'd his Secrets to his Wife, that betray'd him into their Hands; for which Weakness he never had the Honour to be number'd among Masons: But it is not convenient to write more of this.*

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was refused that Honour for being a Man of Blood) by divine Direction, without the Noise of Work-mens Tools, though there were employ'd about it no less than 3,600 *Princes*, * or *Master-Masons*, to conduct the Work according to *Solomon's* Directions, with 80,000 *Hewers of Stone* in the Mountain, or *Fellow-Craftsmen*, and 70,000 *Labourers*, in all — 153,600 besides the Levy under *Adoniram* to work in the Mountains of *Lebanon* by turns with the *Sidonians*, viz. — 30,000
 being in all ————— 183,000
 for which great Number of ingenious *Masons*, *Solomon* was much oblig'd to *HIRAM*, or *Huram*, King of *Tyre*, who sent his *Masons* and *Carpenters* to *Jerusalem*,

* In 1 Kings v. 16. they are call'd *הרודים* Harodim, *Rulers or Provofts* assisting King *Solomon*, who were set over the Work, and their Number there is only 3,300: But 2 Chron. ii. 18. they are called *מנצחים* Menatzchim, *Overseers and Comforters of the People in Working*, and in Number 3,600; because either 300 might be more curious Artists, and the Overseers of the said 3,300, or rather, not so excellent, and only Deputy-Masters, to supply their Places in case of Death or Absence, that so there might be always 3,300 acting Masters compleat; or else they might be the Overseers of the 70,000 *איש סבל* Ish Sabbal, *Men of Burden*, or *Labourers*, who were not *Masons*, but served the 80,000 *איש חצב* Ish Chotzeb, *Men of Hewing*, called also *גבליים* Ghiblim, *Stone-Cutters and Sculpturers*; and also Bonai, *בני* Builders in Stone, part of which belong'd to *Solomon*, and part to *Hiram*, King of *Tyre*, 1 Kings v. 18.

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salem, and the Firs and Cedars of Lebanon to Joppa, the next Sea-port.

But above all, he sent his Namesake HIRAM, or Hiram, the most accomplish'd Mason upon Earth.*

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* We read (2 Chron. ii. 13.) HIRAM, King of Tyre, (called there Hiram) in his letter to King SOLOMON, says, I have sent a cunning Man, לחורם אבי le Hiram Abhi, not to be translated according to the vulgar Greek and Latin, Hiram my Father, as if this Architect was King HIRAM'S Father; for his Description, ver. 14. refutes it, and the Original plainly imports, Hiram of my Father's, viz. the Chief Master-Mason of my Father, King ABIBALUS; (who enlarg'd and beautify'd the City of Tyre, as ancient Histories inform us, whereby the Tyrians at this time were most expert in Masonry) tho' some think HIRAM the King might call Hiram the Architect Father, as learned and skillful Men were wont to be call'd of old Times, or as Joseph was call'd the Father of PHARAOH; and as the same Hiram is call'd Solomon's FATHER, (2 Chron. iv. 16) where 'tis said

עשה חורם אביו למלך שלמה

Shelomoh lammelech Abhif Churam ghnafah,

Did Hiram, his Father, make to King Solomon.

But the Difficulty is over at once, by allowing the Word Abif to be the Surname of Hiram the Mason, called also (Chap. ii. 13.) Hiram Abi, as here Hiram Abif; for being so amply describ'd, (Chap. ii. 14.) we may easily suppose his Surname would not be conceal'd: And this Reading makes the Sense plain and compleat, viz. that HIRAM, King of Tyre, sent to King Solomon his Namesake HIRAM ABIF, the Prince of Architects, describ'd (1 Kings vii. 14.) to be a Widow's Son of the Tribe of Naphthali; and in (2 Chron. ii. 14.) the said King of Tyre calls him the Son of a Woman of the Daughters of Dan; and in both Places, that his Father was a Man of Tyre; which Difficulty is remov'd,
by

And the prodigious Expence of it also enhaunceth its Excellency; for besides King *David's* vast Preparations, his richer Son *SOLOMON*, and all the wealthy *Israelites*, and the Nobles of all the neighbouring Kingdoms, largely contributed towards it in Gold, Silver, and rich Jewels, that amounted to a Sum almost incredible.

Nor do we read of any thing in *Canaan* so large, the Wall that inclos'd it being 7700 Foot in Compass; far

by supposing his Mother was either of the Tribe of Dan, or of the Daughters of the City called Dan in the Tribe of Naphthali, and his deceased Father had been a Naphthalite, whence his Mother was call'd a Widow of Naphthali; for his Father is not call'd a Tyrian by Descent, but a Man of Tyre by Habitation; as Obed Edom the Levite is call'd a Gittite by living among the Gittites, and the Apostle Paul a Man of Tarsus. But supposing a Mistake in Transcribers, and that his Father was really a Tyrian by Blood, and his Mother only of the Tribe either of Dan or of Naphthali, that can be no Bar against allowing of his vast Capacity; for as his Father was a Worker in Brasses, so he himself was fill'd with Wisdom and Understanding, and Cunning to work all Works in Brasses: And as King SOLOMON sent for him, so King HIRAM, in his Letter to Solomon, says, And now I have sent a cunning Man, endued with Understanding, skilful to work in Gold, Silver, Brasses, Iron, Stone, Timber, Purple, Blue, fine Linnen and Crimson; also to grave any manner of Graving, and to find out every Device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning Men, and with the cunning Men of my Lord David thy Father. This divinely inspired Workman maintain'd this Character in erecting the Temple, and in working the Utensils thereof, far beyond the Performances of Aholiab and Bezaleel, being also universally capable of all sorts of Masonry.

far less any holy Structure fit to be nam'd with it, for exactly proportion'd and beautiful Dimensions, from the magnificent *Porch* on the *East*, to the glorious and reverend *Sanctum Sanctorum* on the *West*, with most lovely and convenient Apartments for the *Kings* and *Princes*, *Priests* and *Levites*, *Israelites*, and *Gentiles* also; it being an House of Prayer for all Nations, and capable of receiving in the *Temple proper*, and in all its Courts and Apartments together, no less than 300,000 People, by a modest Calculation, allowing a square Cubit to each Person.

And if we consider the 1453 *Columns* of *Parian* Marble, with twice as many *Pillasters*, both having glorious *Capitals* of several Orders, and about 2246 *Windows*, besides those in the *Pavement*, with the unspeakable and costly *Decorations* of it within; (*and much more might be said*) we must conclude its Prospect to transcend our Imagination; and that it was justly esteem'd by far the finest Piece of *Masonry* upon Earth before or since, and the *chief Wonder* of the World; and was dedicated, or consecrated, in the most solemn manner, by King S O L O M O N.

But leaving what must not, and indeed cannot, be communicated by Writing, we may warrantably affirm, that however ambitious the *Heathen* were in cultivating of the *Royal Art*, it was never perfected, until God condescended to instruct his *peculiar People* in rearing the above-mention'd stately *Tent*, and in building

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at length this gorgeous *House*, fit for the special Re-fulgence of his *Glory*, where he dwelt between the *Cherubims* on the *Mercy-Seat*, and from thence gave them frequent oraculous Responses.

This most sumptuous, splendid, beautiful, and glorious Edifice, attracted soon the inquisitive Artists of all Nations to spend some time at *Jerusalem*, and survey its peculiar Excellencies, as much as was allow'd to the *Gentiles*; whereby they soon discover'd, that all the World, with their joint Skill, came far short of the *Israelites*, in the Wisdom and Dexterity of *Architecture*, when the wise King SOLOMON was GRAND MASTER of the *Lodge* at *Jerusalem*, and the learned King HIRAM was GRAND MASTER of the *Lodge* at *Tyre*, and the inspired HIRAM ABIF was Master of *Work*, and *Masonry* was under the immediate Care and Direction of Heaven, when the Noble and the Wise thought it their Honour to be assisting to the ingenious Masters and Craftsmen, and when the Temple of the TRUE GOD became the Wonder of all Travellers, by which, as by the most perfect Pattern, they corrected the *Architecture* of their own Country upon their Return.

So that after the Erection of *Solomon's Temple*, *Masonry* was improv'd in all the neighbouring Nations; for the many Artists employ'd about it, under *Hiram Abif*, after it was finish'd, dispers'd themselves into *Syria*, *Mesopotamia*, *Affyria*, *Chaldea*, *Babylonia*, *Media*,

dia, Persia, Arabia, Africa, Lesser Asia, Greece, and other Parts of Europe, where they taught this liberal Art to the *free born* Sons of eminent Persons, by whose Dexterity the Kings, Princes, and Potentates, built many glorious Piles, and became the GRAND MASTERS, each in his own Territory, and were emulous of excelling in this *Royal Art*; nay, even in INDIA, where the Correspondence was open, we may conclude the same: But none of the Nations, nor all together, could rival the *Israelites*, far less excel them, in *Masonry*; and their *Temple* remain'd the constant Pattern.*

Nay,

* *For tho' the Temple of Diana at Ephesus is suppos'd to have been first built by some of Japhet's Posterity, that made a Settlement in Jonia about the Time of Moses; yet it was often demolish'd, and then rebuilt for the sake of Improvements in Masonry; and we cannot compute the Period of its last glorious Erection (that became another of the Seven Wonders of the World) to be prior to that of Solomon's Temple; but that long afterwards the Kings of Lesser Asia join'd, for 220 Years, in finishing it, with 107 Columns of the finest Marble, and many of 'em with most exquisite Sculpture (each at the Expence of a King, by the Master-Masons DRESIPHON and ARCHIPHON) to support the planked Cieling and Roof of pure Cedar, as the Doors and Linings were of Cypress: Whereby it became the Mistress of Lesser Asia, in Length 425 Foot, and in Breadth 220 Foot: Nay, so admirable a Fabrick, that XERXES left it standing when he burnt all the other Temples in his Way to Greece; tho' at last it was set on Fire and burnt down by a vile Fellow, only for the Lust of being talk'd of, on the very Day that ALEXANDER the Great was born.*

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Nay, the GRAND MONARCH NEBUCHADNEZAR could never, with all his unspeakable Advantages, carry up his *Masonry* to the beautiful Strength and Magnificence of the *Temple Work*, which he had, in warlike Rage, burnt down, after it had remain'd in Splendor 416 Years from its *Consecration*. For after his Wars were over, and general Peace proclaim'd, he set his Heart on *Architecture*, and became the GRAND MASTER-MASON; and having before led captive the ingenious Artists of *Judea*, and other conquer'd Countries, he rais'd indeed the largest Work upon Earth, even the Walls * and City, the Palaces and Hanging

* *In Thickness 87 Foot, in Height 350 Foot and in Compass 480 Furlongs, or 60 British Miles in an exact Square of 15 Miles a Side, built of large Bricks, cemented with the hard Bitumen of that old Vale of Shinar, with 100 Gates of Bricks, or 25 a-side, and 250 Towers ten Foot higher than the Walls.*

From the said 25 Gates in each Side went 25 Streets in strait Lines, or in all 50 Streets, each 15 Miles long, with four half Streets next the Walls, each 200 Foot broad, as the entire Streets were 150 Foot broad: And so the whole City was thus cut out into 676 Squares, each being 2 Miles and $\frac{1}{4}$ in Compass; round which were the Houses built three or four Stories high, well adorn'd, and accommodated with Yards, Gardens, &c. A Branch of the Euphrates run thro' the Middle of it, from North to South, over which, in the Heart of the City, was built a stately Bridge, in Length a Furlong, and thirty Foot in Breadth, by wonderful Art, for supplying the Want of a Foundation in the River. At the two Ends of this Bridge were two magnificent Palaces, the Old Palace, the Seat of ancient

Hanging-Gardens, the Bridge and Temple of BABYLON,
 the Third of the *Seven Wonders* of the World,
 tho' vastly inferior, in the sublime Perfection of Ma-
 sonry, to the holy, charming, lovely Temple of GOD.
 But as the *Jewish Captives* were of special use to
 NEBUCHADNEZZAR in his glorious Buildings, so
 being

ancient Kings, *at the East End, upon the Ground of four Squares; and*
the New Palace at the West End, built by Nebuchadnezzar, upon the
Ground of nine Squares, with Hanging-Gardens (so much celebrated by
the Greeks) where the loftiest Trees could grow as in the Fields, erected
in a Square of 400 Foot on each Side, carried up by Terraces, and sus-
tain'd by vast Arches built upon Arches, until the highest Terrace equal'd
the Height of the City-Walls, with a curious Aqueduct to water the
whole Gardens. Old Babel improv'd, stood on the East Side of the
River, and the New Town on the West Side, much larger than the Old,
and built in order to make this Capital exceed old Niniveh, tho' it never
had so many Inhabitants by one Half. The River was begirt with Banks
of Brick, as thick as the City Walls, in Length twenty Miles, viz. fifteen
Miles within the City, and two Miles and a half above and below it, to
keep the Water within its Channel; and each Street that cross'd the River
had a brazen Gate leading down to the Water on both Banks; and West
of the City was a prodigious Lake, in Compass 160 Miles, with a Canal
from the River into it, to prevent Inundations in the Summer.

In the Old Town, was the Old Tower of BABEL, at the Founda-
tion a Square of half a Mile in Compass, consisting of eight square Towers
built over each other, with Stairs on the out-side round it, going up to the
Observatory on the Top, 600 Foot high (which is 19 Foot higher than the
highest Pyramid) whereby they became the first Astronomers. And in the

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being thus kept at work, they retain'd their great Skill in *Masonry*, and continu'd very capable of rebuilding the holy *Temple* and *City* of SALEM upon its old Foundations, which was order'd by the Edict or *Decree* of the GRAND CYRUS, according to God's Word, that had foretold his Exaltation and this Decree: And
CYRUS

Rooms of the Grand Tower, with arched Roofs, supported by Pillars 75 Foot high, the idolatrous Worship of their God BELUS was perform'd, till now, that this mighty Mason and Monarch erected round this ancient Pile a Temple of two Furlongs on every Side, or a Mile in compass; where he lodg'd the sacred Trophies of SOLOMON'S Temple, and the golden Image 90 Foot high, that he had consecrated in the Plains of Dura, as were formerly in the Tower lodg'd many other golden Images, and many precious things, that were afterwards all seiz'd by XERXES, and amounted to above 21 Millions Sterling.

And when all was finish'd, King NEBUCHADNEZZAR walking in State in his Hanging-Gardens, and from thence taking a Review of the whole City, proudly boasted of this his mighty Work; saying, Is not this Great Babylon, that I have built for the House of the Kingdom, by the Might of my Power, and for the Honour of my Majesty? but had his Pride immediately rebuk'd by a Voice from Heaven, and punish'd by brutal Madnefs for seven Years, until he gave Glory to the God of Heaven, the Omnipotent Architect of the Universe, which he publish'd by a Decree thro' all his Empire, and dy'd next Year, before his GREAT BABYLON was little more than half inhabited (tho' he had led many Nations captive for that purpose); nor was it ever fully peopled; for in 25 Years after his Death, the GRAND CYRUS conquer'd it, and remov'd the Throne to Shushan in PERSIA.

CYRUS having constituted ZERUBBABEL, the Son of *Salathiel* (of the Seed of *David*, by *Nathan*, the Brother of *Solomon*, whose Royal Family was now extinct) the Head, or *Prince* of the *Captivity*, and the Leader of the *Jews* and *Israelites* returning to *Jerusalem*, they began to lay the Foundation of the SECOND TEMPLE, and would have soon finish'd it, if CYRUS had liv'd; but at length they put on the *Cape-Stone*, in the 6th Year of DARIUS, the *Persian Monarch*, when it was dedicated with Joy, and many great Sacrifices, by ZERUBBABEL the Prince and General *Master-Mason* of the *Jews*, about 20 Years after the Decree of the *Grand Cyrus*. And tho' this Temple of ZERUBBABEL came far short of *Solomon's Temple*, was not so richly adorn'd with Gold and Diamonds, and all manner of precious Stones, nor had the *Shechinah* and the holy Relicks of *Moses* in it, &c. yet being rais'd exactly upon *Solomon's* Foundation, and according to his Model, it was still the most regular, symmetrical, and glorious Edifice in the whole World, as the Enemies of the *Jews* have often testify'd and acknowledg'd.

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Ante Ch.

At length the ROYAL ART was carry'd into *Greece*, whose Inhabitants have left us no Evidence of such Improvements in Masonry, prior to *Solomon's Temple*;
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Temple;* for their most ancient Buildings, as the Citadel of *Athens*, with the *Parthenion*, or Temple of *Minerva*, the *Temples* also of *Theseus*, of *Jupiter Olympius*, &c. their *Porticos* also, and *Forums*, their *Theatres* and *Gymnasiums*, their public *Halls*, curious *Bridges*, regular *Fortifications*, stout *Ships* of War, and stately *Palaces*, were all erected after the Temple of *Solomon*, and most of them even after the Temple of *Zerubbabel*.

A. M.
3457.
547.
Ante Ch.

Nor do we find the GRECIANS arriv'd to any considerable Knowledge in *Geometry*, before the Great *Thales Milesius*, the Philosopher, who dy'd in the Reign of *Bellsazzar*, and the Time of the *Jewish Captivity*. But his Scholar, the Greater PYTHAGORAS, prov'd the Author of the 47th *Proposition* of *Euclid's* first

* *The Grecians having been long degenerated into Barbarity, forgetting their original Skill in Masonry, (which their Fore-fathers brought from Assyria) by their frequent Mixtures with other barbarous Nations, their mutual Invasions, and wasting bloody Wars; until by travelling and corresponding with the Asiatics and Egyptians, they reviv'd their Knowledge in Geometry and Masonry both, though few of the Grecians had the Honour to own it.*

first Book, which, if duly observ'd, is the Foundation of all Masonry, sacred, civil, and military. *

The People of *Lesser Asia* about this Time gave large Encouragement to Masons for erecting all sorts of sumptuous Buildings, one of which must not be forgot, being usually reckon'd the Fourth of the *Seven Wonders* of the World, viz. the *Mausoleum*, or Tomb of *Mausolus* King of *Caria*, between *Lycia* and *Jonia*, at *Halicarnassus*, on the Side of Mount *Taurus* in that Kingdom, at the Command of *ARTEMISIA* his mournful Widow, as the splendid Testimony of her Love to him, built of the most curious Marble, in Circuit 411 Foot, in Height 25 Cubits, furrounded with 26 *Columns* of the most famous *Sculpture*, and the whole open on all Sides, with Arches 73 Foot wide, perform'd by the four principal *Master-Masons* and *Engravers* of those Times, viz.

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3652.
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Ante Ch.

* *PYTHAGORAS* travell'd into Egypt the Year that *Thales* dy'd, and living there among the Priests 22 Years, became expert in Geometry, and in all the Egyptian Learning, until he was captivated by *Cambyfes* King of Persia, and sent to Babylon, where he was much conversant with the Chaldean *MAGI*, and the learned Babylonish *JEW*S, from whom he borrow'd great Knowledge, that render'd him very famous in Greece and Italy, where afterwards he flourish'd and dy'd; when *Mordecai* was the prime Minister of State to *Ahasuerus* King of Persia, and ten Years after *ZERUBBABEL*'S Temple was finish'd.

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3479.
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Ante Ch.

A. M.
3498.
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Ante Ch.

viz. the East Side by *Scopas*, the West by *Leochares* the North by *Briax*, and the South by *Timotheus*.

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3700.
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Ante Ch.

But after *P Y T H A G O R A S*, *Geometry* became the darling Study of *Greece*, where many learned Philosophers arose, some of whom invented fundry Propositions, or Elements of *Geometry*, and reduc'd them to the use of the mechanical Arts. * Nor need we doubt that *Masonry* kept pace with *Geometry*; or rather, always follow'd it in proportion'd gradual Improvements, until the wonderful *EUCLID* of *Tyre* flourish'd at *Alexandria*; who gathering up the scatter'd Elements of *Geometry*, digested them into a Method that was never yet mended, (and for which his Name will be ever celebrated) under the Patronage of *P T O L O M E U S*, the Son of *Lagus* King of *Egypt*, one of the immediate Successors of *Alexander the Great*.

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* Or borrow'd from other Nations their pretended Inventions, as *Anaxagoras*, *Oenopides*, *Brifo*, *Antipho*, *Democritus*, *Hippocrates*, and *Theodorus Cyrenæus*, the Master of the divine *P L A T O*, who amplify'd *Geometry*, and publish'd the Art *Analytic*; from whose Academy came forth a vast Number, that soon dispers'd their Knowledge to distant Parts, as *Leodamus*, *Theætetus*, *Archytas*, *Leon*, *Eudoxus*, *Menaichmus*, and *Xenocrates*, the Master of *Aristotle*, from whose Academy also came forth *Eudemus*, *Theophrastus*, *Aristæus*, *Isidorus*, *Hypsicles*, and many others.

And as the noble Science came to be more methodically taught, the *Royal Art* was the more generally esteem'd and improv'd among the *Grecians*, who at length arriv'd to the same Skill and Magnificence in it with their Teachers the *Asiatics* and *Egyptians*.

The next King of *Egypt*, PTOLOMEUS PHILADELPHUS, that great Improver of the liberal Arts, and of all useful Knowledge, who gather'd the greatest Library upon Earth, and had the *Old Testament* (at least the *Pentateuch*) first translated into *Greek*, became an excellent *Architect*, and GENERAL MAS-
 TER-MASON, having, among his other great Buildings, erected the famous TOWER of PHAROS, * the
 Fifth of the *Seven Wonders* of the World.

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 3748.
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 Ante Ch.

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* On an Island near Alexandria, at one of the Mouths of the Nile, of wonderful Height and most cunning Workmanship, and all of the finest Marble; and it cost 800 Talents or about 480,000 Crowns. The Master of Work, under the King, was Sistratus, a most ingenious Mason; and it was afterwards much admir'd by Julius Cæsar, who was a good Judge of most Things, though chiefly conversant in War and Politicks. It was intended as a Light-House for the Harbour of Alexandria, from which the Light-Houses in the Mediterranean were often call'd Pharos. Though some, instead of this, mention, as the Fifth Wonder, the great OBELISK of Semiramis, 150 Foot high, and 24 Foot square at Bottom, or 90 Foot in Circuit at the Ground, all one intire Stone, rising pyramidically, brought from Armenia to Babylon about the Time of the Siege of Troy, if we may believe the History of SEMIRAMIS.

We may readily believe, that the *African Nations*, even to the *Atlantick Shore*, did soon imitate *Egypt* in such Improvements, though History fails, and there are no Travellers encourag'd to discover the valuable Remains in Masonry of those once renowned Nations.

A. M.
3792.
212.
Ante Ch.

Nor should we forget the *learned Island* of SICILY, where the prodigious Geometrician ARCHIMEDES did flourish,* and was unhappily slain when *Syracuse* was taken by *Marcellus*, the Roman General: For from *Sicily*, as well as from *Greece*, *Egypt*, and *Asia*, the ancient Romans learnt both the SCIENCE and the ART, what they knew before being either mean or irregular; but as they subdu'd the Nations, they made mighty Discoveries in both; and, like wise Men, led captive, not the Body of the People, but the Arts and Sciences, with the most eminent Professors and Practitioners, to *Rome*; which thus became the *Center of Learning*, as well as of imperial Power, until they advanc'd to their *Zenith* of Glory, under AUGUSTUS CÆSAR, (in whose Reign was born *God's MESSIAH*, the great

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4004.

* While ERATOSTHENES and CONON flourish'd in Greece, who were succeeded by the excellent APOLLONIUS of Perga, and many more before the Birth of Christ, who, though not working Masons, yet were good Surveyors; or, at least, cultivated Geometry, which is the solid Basis of true Masonry, and its Rule.

great Architect of the Church) who having laid the World quiet, by proclaiming universal Peace, highly encourag'd those dexterous Artists that had been bred in the *Roman* Liberty, and their learned Scholars and Pupils; but particularly the great VITRUVIUS, the Father of all true Architects to this Day.

Therefore it is rationally believ'd, that the glorious AUGUSTUS became the *Grand-Master* of the Lodge at *Rome*, having, besides his patronizing *Vitruvius*, much promoted the Welfare of the *Fellow-Craftsmen*, as appears by the many magnificent Buildings of his Reign, the Remains of which are the Pattern and Standard of *true Masonry* in all future Times, as they are indeed an Epitome of the *Asiatic, Egyptian, Grecian, and Sicilian* Architecture, which we often express by the Name of the AUGUSTAN STYLE, and which we are now only endeavouring to imitate, and have not yet arriv'd to its Perfection.

The *old Records* of *Masons* afford large Hints of their *Lodges*, from the Beginning of the World, in the polite Nations, especially in Times of Peace, and when the Civil Powers, abhorring Tyranny and Slavery, gave due Scope to the bright and free Genius of their happy Subjects; for then always *Masons*, above all other Artists, were the Favourites of the Eminent, and became necessary for their grand Undertakings in any

fort of Materials, not only in Stone, Brick, Timber, Plaister; but even in Cloth or Skins, or whatever was us'd for Tents, and for the various sorts of *Architecture*.

Nor should it be forgot, that *Painters* also, and *Statuaries*,* were always reckon'd good *Masons*, as much as *Builders*, *Stone-cutters*, *Bricklayers*, *Carpenters*, *Joiners*, *Upholders* or *Tent-Makers*, and a vast many other Craftsmen that could be nam'd, who perform according to *Geometry*, and the Rules of *Building*; though

* *For it was not without good Reason, the Ancients thought that the Rules of the beautiful Proportions in Building were copied, or taken from the Proportions of the Body natural: Hence PHIDIAS is reckon'd in the Number of ancient Masons, for erecting the Statue of the Goddess Nemesis at Rhamnus, 10 Cubits high; and that of Minerva at Athens, 26 Cubits high; and that of JUPITER OLYMPIUS, sitting in his Temple in Achaia, between the Cities of Elis and Pisa, made of innumerable small Pieces of Porphyry, so exceeding grand and proportion'd, that it was reckon'd one of the Seven Wonders, as the famous COLOSSUS at Rhodes was another, and the greatest Statue that ever was erected, made of Metal, and dedicated to the SUN, 70 Cubits high, like a great Tower at a distance, at the Entry of an Harbour, striding wide enough for the largest Ships under sail, built in 12 Years by CARES, a famous Mason and Statuary of Sicyon, and Scholar to the great Lysippus of the same Fraternity. This mighty COLOSSUS, after standing 56 Years, fell by an Earthquake, and lay in Ruines, the Wonder of the World, till Anno Dom. 600, when the Soldan of Egypt carry'd off its Relicks, which loaded 900 Camels.*

though none since HIRAM ABIF has been renown'd for *Cunning* in all parts of Masonry: And of this enough.

But among the Heathen, while the noble Science *Geometry* * was duly cultivated, both before and after the Reign of *Augustus*, even till the Fifth Century of the Christian *Æra*, Masonry was had in great Esteem and Veneration: And while the *Roman* Empire continu'd in its Glory, the Royal Art was carefully propagated, even to the **Ultima Thule**, and a *Lodge* erected in almost every *Roman* Garrison; whereby they generously communicated their *Cunning* to the northern and western Parts of *Europe*, which had grown barbarous before the *Roman Conquest*, though we know not certainly how long; because some think there are a few *Remains* of good Masonry before that *Period* in some Parts of *Europe*, raised by the original Skill that the first Colonies brought with them, as the *Celtic Edifices*, erected by the ancient *Gauls*, and by the ancient *Britains*

* By Menelaus, Claudius, Ptolomeus (*who was also the Prince of Astronomers*) Plutarch, Eutocius (*who recites the Inventions of Philo, Diocles, Nicomedes, Sphorus, and Heron the learned Mechanick*) Ktesibius *also, the Inventer of Pumps (celebrated by Vitruvius, Proclus, Pliny, and Athenæus)* and Geminus, *also equall'd by some to Euclid; so Diophantus, Nicomachus, Serenus, Proclus, Pappus, Theon, &c. all Geometricians, and the illustrious Cultivators of the mechanical Arts.*

Britains too, who were a Colony of the *Celtes*, long before the *Romans* invaded this Island. *

But when the *GOTHS* and *VANDALS*, that had never been conquer'd by the *Romans*, like a general Deluge, over-ran the *ROMAN EMPIRE*, with warlike Rage and gross Ignorance they utterly destroy'd many of the finest Edifices, and defac'd others, very few escaping; as the *Asiatic* and *African* Nations fell under the same Calamity by the Conquests of the *MAHOMETANS*, whose grand Design is only to convert the World by Fire and Sword, instead of cultivating the Arts and Sciences.

An. Dom.
448.

Thus, upon the Declension of the *Roman Empire*, when the *British Garrisons* were drain'd, the *ANGLES* and other lower *SAXONS*, invited by the ancient *BRITONS* to come over and help them against the *SOTS* and
PICTS,

* *The Natives within the Roman Colonies might be first instructed in building of Citadels and Bridges, and other Fortifications necessary; and afterwards, when their Settlement produc'd Peace, and Liberty, and Plenty, the Aborigines did soon imitate their learned and polite Conquerors in Masonry, having then Leisure and a Disposition to raise magnificent Structures. Nay, even the Ingenious of the neighbouring Nations not conquer'd, learnt much from the Roman Garrisons in Times of Peace and open Correspondence, when they became emulous of the Roman Glory, and thankful that their being conquer'd was the means of recovering them from ancient Ignorance and Prejudices, when they began to delight in the Royal Art.*

PICTS, at length subdu'd the South Part of this Island, which they call'd *England*, or Land of the *Angles*; who being a-kin to the *Goths*, or rather a sort of *Vandals*, of the same warlike Disposition, and as ignorant Heathens, encourag'd nothing but War, till they became Christians; and then too late lamented the Ignorance of their Fathers in the great Loss of *Roman Masonry*, but knew not how to repair it.

Yet becoming a *free People* (as the old *Saxon Laws* testify) and having a Disposition for *Masonry*, they soon began * to imitate the *Asiatics*, *Grecians*, and *Romans*, in erecting of Lodges and encouraging of
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* No doubt several *Saxon* and *Scotish Kings*, with many of the Nobility, great Gentry, and eminent Clergy, became the Grand Masters of those early Lodges, from a mighty Zeal then prevalent for building magnificent *Christian Temples*; which would also prompt them to enquire after the Laws, Charges, Regulations, Customs, and Usages, of the ancient Lodges, many of which might be preserv'd by Tradition, and all of them very likely in those Parts of the *British Islands* that were not subdu'd by the Saxons, from whence in time they might be brought, and which the Saxons were more fond of, than careful to revive Geometry and *Roman Masonry*; as many in all Ages have been more curious and careful about the Laws, Forms, and Usages of their respective Societies, than about the ARTS and SCIENCES thereof.

But neither what was convey'd, nor the Manner how, can be communicated by writing; as no Man indeed can understand it without the Key of a Fellow Craft.

Masons; being taught, not only from the faithful *Traditions* and valuable *Remains* of the BRITONS, but even by foreign *Princes*, in whose Dominions the *Royal Art* had been preserv'd much from *Gothic Ruins*, particularly by CHARLES MARTELL King of France, who, according to the old Records of Masons, sent over several expert *Crafts-men* and learned *Architects* into *England*, at the Desire of the *Saxon Kings*: So that during the *Heptarchy*, the *Gothic Architecture* was as much encourag'd here, as in other Christian Lands.

An. Dom.
741.
He dy'd.
832.

And though the many Invasions of the DANES occasion'd the Loss of many Records, yet in Times of Truce or Peace they did not hinder much the good Work, though not perform'd according to the *Augustan Stile*; nay, the vast Expence laid out upon it, with the curious Inventions of the Artists to supply the *Roman Skill*, doing the best they could, demonstrate their Esteem and Love for the *Royal Art*, and have render'd the GOTHIC BUILDINGS venerable, tho' not imitable by those that relish the *ancient Architecture*.

An. Dom.
1066.

And after the Saxons and Danes were conquer'd by the NORMANS, as soon as the Wars ended and Peace was proclaim'd, the *Gothic Masonry* was encourag'd,

courag'd, even in the Reign of the *Conqueror*, * and of his Son King WILLIAM Rufus, who built *Westminster-Hall*, the largest one Room perhaps in the Earth.

Nor did the *Barons Wars*, nor the many bloody Wars of the subsequent *Norman Kings*, and their contending Branches, much hinder the most sumptuous and lofty Buildings of those Times, rais'd by the *great Clergy*, (who enjoying large Revenues, could well bear the Expence) and even by the CROWN too; for we read King EDWARD III. had an Officer call'd the King's *Free-Mason*, or *General-Surveyor* of his Buildings, whose Name was HENRY YEVELE, employ'd by that King to build several Abbies, and St. STEPHEN'S CHAPPEL at *Westminster*, where the House of Commons now sit in Parliament.

About
An. Dom.
1362.

But for the further Instruction of *Candidates* and younger Brethren, a certain Record of Free-Masons, written in the Reign of King EDWARD IV. of the *Norman Line*, gives the following Account, viz.

About
An. Dom.
1475.

That

* William the Conqueror built the Tower of LONDON, and many strong Castles in the Country, with several religious Edifices, whose Example was follow'd by the Nobility and Clergy, particularly by Roger de Montgomery Earl of Arundel, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Durham, and GUNDULPH Bishop of Rochester, a mighty Architect.

About
An. Dom.
930.

That though the ancient Records of the Brotherhood in England were many of them destroy'd or lost in the Wars of the Saxons and Danes, yet King *ATHELSTAN*, (the Grandson of King *ALFREDE* the Great, a mighty Architect) the first anointed King of England, and who translated the Holy Bible into the Saxon Tongue, when he had brought the Land into Rest and Peace, built many great Works, and encourag'd many *Masons* from France, who were appointed Overseers thereof, and brought with them the Charges and Regulations of the Lodges preserv'd since the Roman Times, who also prevail'd with the King to improve the CONSTITUTION of the English Lodges according to the foreign Model, and to increase the Wages of working *Masons*.

That the said King's youngest Son, Prince *EDWIN*, being taught *Masonry*, and taking upon him the Charges of a MASTER-MASON, for the Love he had to the said Craft, and the honourable Principles whereon it is grounded, purchased a free Charter of King *Athelstan* his Father, for the *Masons* having a Correction among themselves, (as it was anciently express'd) or a Freedom and Power to regulate themselves, to amend what might happen amiss, and to hold a yearly Communication and General Assembly.

That accordingly Prince *EDWIN* summoned all the *Masons* in the Realm to meet him in a Congregation
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at York, who came and composed a General Lodge, of which he was GRAND MASTER; and having brought with them all the Writings and Records extant, some in Greek, some in Latin, some in French, and other Languages, from the Contents thereof that Assembly did frame the CONSTITUTION and Charges of an English Lodge, made a Law to preserve and observe the same in all time coming, and ordain'd good Pay for working Masons, &c.

That in proceſs of time, when Lodges were more frequent, the Right Worſhipful the Maſter and Fellows, with Conſent of the LORDS of the Realm, (for moſt great Men were then Maſons) ordain'd, that for the future, at the Making or Admiſſion of a Brother, the CONSTITUTION ſhould be read, and the Charges hereunto annex'd, by the Maſter or Warden; and that ſuch as were to be admitted Maſter-Maſons, or Maſters of Work, ſhould be examin'd whether they be able of Cunning to ſerve their reſpective Lords, as well the Loweſt as the Higheſt, to the Honour and Worſhip of the aforeſaid Art, and to the Profit of their Lords; for they be their Lords that employ and pay them for their Service and Travel.

And beſides many other things, the ſaid Record adds, That thoſe Charges and Laws of FREE-MASONS have been ſeen and peruſed by our late Sovereign King Henry VI. and by the Lords of his honourable Council,

cil, who have allow'd them, and said that they be right good and reasonable to be holden, as they have been drawn out and collected from the Records of ancient Times.*

Now though in the third Year of the said King Henry VI. while an Infant of about four Years old, the Parliament made an Act, that affected only the working Masons, who had, contrary to the Statutes for Labourers,

* In another Manuscript more ancient, we read: "*That when the Master and Wardens meet in a Lodge, if need be, the Sheriff, of the County, or the Mayor of the City, or Alderman of the Town, in which the Congregation is held, should be made Fellow and Associate to the Master, in help of him against Rebels, and for upbearing the Rights of the Realm.*"

"*That enter'd Prentices at their making were charg'd not to be Thieves, or Thieves-Maintainers; that they should travel honestly for their Pay, and love their Fellows as themselves, and be true to the King of England, and to the Realm, and to the Lodge.*"

"*That at such Congregations it shall be enquir'd, whether any Master or Fellow has broke any of the Articles agreed to. And if the Offender, being duly cited to appear, prove Rebel, and will not attend, then the Lodge shall determine against him that he shall forswear (or renounce) his Mafonry, and shall no more use this Craft; the which if he presume for to do, the Sheriff of the County shall prison him, and take all his Goods into the King's Hands, till his Grace be granted him and issued: For this Cause principally have these Congregations been ordaind, that as well the lowest as the highest should be well and truly served in this Art foresaid throughout all the Kingdom of England.*"

"Amen so mote it be.

Labourers, confederated not to work but at their own Price and Wages; and because such Agreements were suppos'd to be made at the *General Lodges*, call'd in the Act CHAPTERS and CONGREGATIONS of MASONS, it was then thought expedient to level the said Act against the said *Congregations*:* Yet when the said King *Henry VI.* arriv'd to Man's Estate, the *Masons* laid before him and his *Lords* the above-mention'd *Records* and *Charges*, who, 'tis plain, review'd them, and solemnly approv'd of them as good and reasonable to be holden: Nay, the said *King* and his

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Lords

* Tertio Henrici Sexti, Cap. I. An. Dom. 1425.

Title. Masons shall not confederate themselves in Chapters and Congregations.

“ WHEREAS by yearly Congregations and Confederacies, made
 “ by the *Masons* in their General Assemblies, the good Course and
 “ Effect of the Statutes for Labourers be openly violated and broken, in
 “ Subversion of the Law, and to the great Damage of all the Commons,
 “ our said Sovereign Lord the King, willing in this Case to provide a
 “ Remedy, by the Advice and Assent aforesaid, and at the special Request
 “ of the Commons, hath ordained and established, that such Chapters
 “ and Congregations shall not be hereafter holden; and if any such be
 “ made, they that cause such Chapters and Congregations to be assembled
 “ and holden, if they thereof be convict, shall be judged for Felons, and
 “ that the other *Masons* that come to such Chapters and Congregations
 “ be punish'd by Imprisonment of their Bodies, and make Fine and
 “ Ransome at the King's Will.

Co. Inst. 3. p. 99.

Lords must have been incorporated with the *Free-Masons*, before they could make such Review of the *Records*; and in this Reign, before King *Henry's* Troubles, *Masons* were much encourag'd. Nor is there any Instance of executing that Act in that, or in any other Reign since, and the *Masons* never neglected their *Lodges* for it, nor ever thought it worth while to employ their noble and eminent *Brethren* to have it repeal'd; because the working *Masons*, that are free of the Lodge, scorn to be guilty of such Combinations; and the other free *Masons* have no Concern in Trespasses against the Statutes for Labourers. *

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* *That Act was made in ignorant Times, when true Learning was a Crime, and Geometry condemn'd for Conjurat[i]on; but it cannot derogate from the Honour of the ancient Fraternity, who to be sure would never encourage any such Confederacy of their working Brethren. But by Tradition it is believ'd, that the Parliament-Men were then too much influenc'd by the illiterate Clergy, who were not accepted Masons, nor understood Architecture (as the Clergy of some former Ages) and generally thought unworthy of this Brotherhood; yet thinking they had an indefeasible Right to know all Secrets, by vertue of auricular Confession, and the Masons never confessing any thing thereof, the said Clergy were highly offended, and at first suspecting them of Wickedness, represented them as dangerous to the State during that Minority, and soon influenc'd the Parliament-Men to lay hold of such supposed Agreements of the working Masons, for making an Act that might seem to reflect Dishonour upon even the whole worshipful Fraternity, in whose Favour several Acts had been both before and after that Period made.*

The Kings of SCOTLAND very much encourag'd the *Royal Art*, from the earliest Times down to the *Union* of the Crowns, as appears by the Remains of glorious Buildings in that *ancient* Kingdom, and by the Lodges there kept up without Interruption many hundred Years, the Records and Traditions of which testify the great Respect of those Kings to this honourable Fraternity, who gave always pregnant Evidence of their Love and Loyalty, from whence sprung the old Toast among Scots Masons, *viz.* GOD BLESS THE KING AND THE CRAFT!

Nor was the royal Example neglected by the *Nobility*, *Gentry*, and *Clergy* of SCOTLAND, who join'd in every thing for the good of the Craft and Brotherhood, the Kings being often the *Grand Masters*, until, among other things, the *Masons* of SCOTLAND were impower'd to have a certain and fix'd *Grand Master* and *Grand Warden*, who had a Salary from the Crown, and also an Acknowledgment from every *New Brother* in the Kingdom at Entrence, whose Business was not only to regulate what might happen amiss in the Brotherhood, but also to hear and finally determine all Controversies between *Mason* and *Lord*, to punish the *Mason*, if he deserv'd it, and to oblige both to equitable Terms: At which Hearings, if the *Grand Master* was absent (who was always nobly born) the *Grand Warden* presided. This Privilege remain'd till the

1640. the Civil Wars, but is now obsolete; nor can it well
 1707. be reviv'd until the *King* becomes a *Mason*, because it
 was not actually exerted at the *Union* of the King-
 doms.

Yet the great Care that the SCOTS took of true
 Masonry, prov'd afterwards very useful to ENGLAND;
 for the learned and magnanimous Queen ELIZABETH,
 who encourag'd other Arts, discourag'd this; because,
 being a *Woman*, she could not be made a *Mason*, tho',
 as other great Women, she might have much employ'd
 Masons, like *Semiramis* and *Artemisia*. *

But upon her Demise, King JAMES VI. of SCOT-
 LAND succeeding to the Crown of ENGLAND, being
 a *Mason* King, reviv'd the *English* Lodges; and as he
 was the *First* King of GREAT BRITAIN, he was
 also the *First* Prince in the World that recover'd the
Roman Architecture from the Ruins of *Gothick* Igno-
 rance:

* ELIZABETH being jealous of any Assemblies of her Subjects, whose
Business she was not duly appriz'd of, attempted to break up the annual
 Communication of Masons, as dangerous to her Government: But, as
 old Masons have transmitted it by Tradition, when the noble Persons her
 Majesty had commissioned, and brought a sufficient Posse with them at
 York on St. John's Day, were once admitted into the Lodge, they
 made no use of Arms, and return'd the Queen a most honourable Account
 of the ancient Fraternity, whereby her political Fears and Doubts were
 dispell'd, and she let them alone, as a People much respected the Noble and
 the Wise of all the polite Nations, but neglected the Art all her Reign.

rance: For after many dark or illiterate Ages, as soon as all Parts of Learning reviv'd, and *Geometry* recover'd its Ground, the polite Nations began to discover the Confusion and Impropriety of the *Gothick* Buildings; and in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries the AUGUSTAN STILE was rais'd from its Rubbish in *Italy*, by BRAMANTE, BARBARO, SANSOVINO, SANGALLO, MICHAEL ANGELO, RAPHAEL URBIN, JULIO ROMANO, SERGLIO, LABACO, SCAMOZI, VIGNOLA, and many other bright *Architects*; but above all, by the Great PALLADIO, who has not yet been duly imitated in *Italy*, though justly rival'd in *England* by our great Master-Mason INIGO JONES.

But though all true Masons honour the Memories of those *Italian Architects*, it must be own'd, that the *Augustan Stile* was not reviv'd by any crown'd Head, before King JAMES the Sixth of SCOTLAND, and First of ENGLAND, patroniz'd the said glorious *Inigo Jones*, whom he employ'd to build his Royal Palace of WHITE-HALL; and in his Reign over all *Great-Britain* the BANQUETING-HOUSE, as the first piece of it, was only rais'd, which is the finest one Room upon Earth; and the ingenious Mr. *Nicholas Stone* perform'd as *Master-Mason* under the Architect JONES.

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Upon his Demise, his Son King CHARLES I. being also a Mason, patroniz'd Mr. Jones too, and firmly intended to have carried on his Royal Father's Design of WHITE-HALL, according to Mr. Jones's Stile; but was unhappily diverted by the Civil Wars.* After the Wars were over, and the Royal Family restor'd, true Masonry was likewise restor'd; especially upon the unhappy Occasion of the Burning of LONDON, Anno 1666; for then the City-Houses were rebuilt more after the Roman Stile, when King CHARLES II. founded

A. D.
1666.

* *The Plan and Prospect of that glorious Design being still preserv'd, it is esteem'd by skillful Architects to excel that of any other Palace in the known Earth, for the Symmetry, Firmness, Beauty, and Conveniency of Architecture; as indeed all Master JONES's Designs and Erections are Originals, and at first View discover him to be the Architect: Nay, his mighty Genius prevail'd with the Nobility and Gentry of all Britain, (for he was as much honour'd in Scotland as in England) to affect and revive the ancient Stile of MASONRY, too long neglected; as appears by the many curious Fabricks of those Times, one of which shall be now mention'd, the least, and perhaps one of the finest, the famous GATE of the Physic Garden at OXFORD, rais'd by HENRY DANVERS EARL OF DANBY, which cost his Lordship many hundred Pounds, and is as curious a little piece of Masonry as ever was built before or since, with the following Inscription on the Front of it, viz.*

GLORIÆ DEI OPTIMI MAXIMI, HONORI CAROLI REGIS,
IN USUM ACADEMIÆ ET REIPUBLICÆ, ANNO 1632.

HENRICUS COMES DANBY.

founded the present St. PAUL's Cathedral in London, (the old *Gothick* Fabrick being burnt down) much after the Style of St. PETER's at Rome, conducted by the ingenious Architect, Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN. That King founded also his royal Palace at GREENWICH, according to Mr. *Inigo Jones's* Design (which he drew before he dy'd) conducted by his Son-in-Law Mr. WEB: It is now turn'd into an Hospital for Seamen. He founded also *Chelsea-College*, an Hospital for Soldiers; and at EDINBURGH he both founded and finish'd his royal Palace of HALY-ROOD-HOUSE, by the Design and Conduct of Sir WILLIAM BRUCE *Bart.* the Master of the Royal Works in SCOTLAND: * So that besides the Tradition of old Masons now alive, which may be rely'd on, we have much reason to believe that King CHARLES II. was an *Accepted Free-Mason*, as every one allows he was a great Encourager of the *Craftsmen*.

But in the Reign of his Brother King JAMES II. though some *Roman* Buildings were carried on, the *Lodges* of *Free-Masons* in London much dwindled into Ignorance, by not being duly frequented and cultivated.

* *It was an ancient Royal-Palace, and rebuilt after the Augustan Style, so neat, that, by competent Judges, it has been esteem'd the finest House belonging to the Crown: And though it is not very large, it is both magnificent and convenient, both Inside and Outside, with good Gardens, and a very large Park; and all other adjacent Accommodations.*

ted. But * after the Revolution, Anno 1688, KING WILLIAM, though a warlike Prince, having a good Taste of Architecture, carried on the aforesaid two famous Hospitals of Greenwich and Chelsea, built the fine part

* But by the royal Example of his Brother King Charles II. the City of LONDON erected the famous Monument, where the Great Fire began, all of solid Stone, 202 foot high from the Ground, a Pillar of the Dorick Order, 15 Foot diameter, with a curious Stair-Case in the Middle of black Marble, and an iron Balcony on the Top (not unlike those of Trajan and Antoninus at ROME) from whence the City and Suburbs may be view'd; and it is the highest Column we know upon Earth. Its Pedestal is 21 Foot square, and 40 Foot high, the Front of which is adorn'd with most ingenious Emblems in Basso Relievo, wrought by that famous Sculptor, Mr. Gabriel Cibber, with large Latin Inscriptions on the Sides of it; founded Anno 1671, and finish'd Anno 1677.

In his Time also the Society of MERCHANT ADVENTURERS rebuilt the ROYAL EXCHANGE of London (the old one being destroy'd by the Fire) all of Stone, after the Roman Style, the finest Structure of that use in Europe, with the King's Statue to the Life, of white Marble, in the Middle of the Square (wrought by the famous Master-Carver and Statuary, Mr. GRINLIN GIBBONS, who was justly admir'd all over Europe, for his rivalling, if not surpassing, the most fam'd Italian Masters) on the Pedestal of which is the following Inscription, viz.

CAROLO II. CÆSARI BRITANNICO
PATRIÆ PATRI
REGUM OPTIMO CLEMENTISSIMO AUGUSTISSIMO
GENERIS HUMANI DELICIS
UTRIUSQUE FORTUNÆ VICTORI
PACIS EUROPÆ ARBITRO
MARIUM DOMINO AC VINDICI
SOCIETAS MERCATORUM ADVENTUR. ANGLIÆ
QUÆ PER CCCC JAM PROPE ANNOS
REGIA BENIGNITATE FLORET
FIDEI INTIMERATÆ ET GRATITUDINIS ÆTERNÆ
HOC TESTIMONIUM
VENERABUNDA POSUIT
ANNO SALUTIS HUMANÆ MDCLXXXIV.

TO CHARLES II. EMPEROR OF BRITAIN
FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY
BEST MOST MERCIFUL AND AUGUST OF KINGS
DELIGHT OF MANKIND
IN ADVERSITY AND PROSPERITY UNMOV'D
UMPIRE OF EUROPE'S PEACE
COMMANDER AND SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS
THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANT ADVENTURERS OF ENGLAND
WHICH FOR NEAR CCCC YEARS
BY ROYAL FAVOUR FLOURISHETH
OF UNSHAKEN LOYALTY AND ETERNAL GRATITUDE
THIS TESTIMONY
HAS IN VENERATION ERECTED
IN THE YEAR OF SALVATION MDCLXXXIV.

part of his royal Palace of HAMPTON COURT, and founded and finish'd his incomparable Palace at LOO in HOLLAND, &c. And the bright Example of that *glorious Prince*, (who by most is reckon'd a *Free-Mason*) did influence the *Nobility*, the *Gentry*, the *Wealthy* and the *Learned* of GREAT BRITAIN, to affect much the *Augustan Style*; as appears by a vast Number of most curious Edifices erected since throughout the Kingdom: For when in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign QUEEN ANNE, her Majesty and the *Parliament* concurr'd in an Act for erecting 50 new *Parish-Churches* in London, Westminster, and Suburbs; and the

QUEEN

Nor should we forget the famous THEATRE of OXFORD, built by Archbishop SHELDON, at his sole Cost, in that King's Time, which, among his other fine Works, was design'd and conducted also by Sir Christopher Wren the King's Architect; for it is justly admir'd by the Curious: And the MUSEUM adjoining to it, a fine Building rais'd at the Charge of that illustrious UNIVERSITY, where there have been since erected several more Roman Buildings, as Trinity-College Chappel, Allhallows Church in High-street, Peckwater-Square in Christ-Church College, the new Printing-House, and the whole of Queen's-College rebuilt, &c. by the liberal Donations of some eminent Benefactors, and by the publick Spirit, Vigilancy, and Fidelity of the Heads of Colleges, who generally have had a true Taste of Roman Architecture.

The learned UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE not having had the Management of such liberal Donations, have not so many fine Structures; but they have two of the most curious and excellent in Great-Britain of their kind, the one a Gothick Building, KING'S-COLLEGE CHAPPEL (unless you except King Henry VII.'s Chappel in Westminster-Abbey); and the other a Roman Building, TRINITY-COLLEGE LIBRARY.

QUEEN had granted a Commission to several of the Ministers of *State*, the principal *Nobility*, great *Gentry*, and eminent *Citizens*, the two *Archbishops*, with several other *Bishops* and dignify'd *Clergymen*, to put the Act in execution; they order'd the said *New Churches* to be rais'd according to the *ancient Roman Style*, as appears by those that are already rais'd; and the present honourable *Commissioners* having the same good Judgment of Architecture, are carrying on the same laudable *grand Design*, and are reviving the *ancient Style*, by the Order, Countenance, and Encouragement of his present Majesty KING GEORGE, who was also graciously pleas'd to lay the *first Stone* in the Foundation of his Parish Church of St. MARTIN'S in *Campis*, on the South-East Corner (by his Majesty's *Proxy* for the time, the present *Bishop* of *Salisbury*) which is now rebuilding, strong, large, and beautiful, at the Cost of the *Parishioners*. *

In short, it would require many large Volumes to contain the many splendid Instances of the *mighty Influence* of *Masonry* from the Creation, in every Age, and

* *The Bishop of Salisbury went in an orderly Procession, duly attended, and having levell'd the first Stone, gave it two or three Knocks with a Mallet, upon which the Trumpets sounded, and a vast Multitude made loud Acclamations of Joy; when his Lordship laid upon the Stone a Purse*

and in every Nation, as could be collected from Historians and Travellers: But especially in those Parts of the World where the *Europeans* correspond and trade, such Remains of ancient, large, curious, and magnificent *Colonading*, have been discover'd by the Inquisitive, that they can't enough lament the general Devastations of the *Goths* and *Mahometans*; and must conclude, that no *Art* was ever so much encourag'd as this;

Purse of 100 Guineas, as a Present from his Majesty for the use of the Craftsmen. The following Inscription was cut in the Foundation Stone, and a Sheet of Lead put upon it, viz.

D. S.

SERENISSIMUS REX GEORGIUS

PER DEPUTATUM SUUM

REVERENDUM ADMODUM IN CHRISTO PATREM

RICHARDUM EPISCOPUM SARISBURIENSEM

SUMMUM SUUM ELEEMOSYNARIUM

ADSISTENTE (REGIS JUSSU)

DOMINE THO. HEWET EQU. AUR.

ÆDIFICIORUM REGIORUM CURATORE

PRINCIPALI

PRIMUM HUIUS ECCLESIE LAPIDEM

POSUIT

MARTIJ 19^o ANNO DOM. 1721.

ANNOQUE REGNI SUI OCTAVO.

SACRED TO GOD

HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY KING GEORGE

BY HIS PROXY

THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN CHRIST

RICHARD LORD BISHOP OF SALISBURY

HIS MAJESTY'S CHIEF ALMONER

ASSISTED (AT HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND)

BY SIR THOMAS HEWET KNIGHT

OF HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL BUILDINGS

PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR

THE FIRST STONE OF THIS CHURCH

L A I D

THIS 19th OF MARCH ANNO DOMINI 1721

AND THE EIGHTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

this; as indeed none other is so extensively useful to Mankind. *

Nay, if it were expedient, it could be made appear, that from this *ancient Fraternity*, the Societies or Orders of the *Warlike* KNIGHTS, and of the *Religious* too, in process of time, did borrow many solemn Usages; for none of them were better instituted, more decently install'd, or did more sacredly observe their *Laws* and *Charges* than the Accepted *Masons* have done, who in all Ages, and in every Nation, have maintain'd

* *It were endless to recount and describe the many curious Roman Buildings in Great-Britain alone, erected since the Revival of Roman Masonry; of which a few may be here mention'd, besides those already spoken of, viz.*

<i>The QUEEN'S House at Greenwich,</i> ———	<i>Belonging to the Crown.</i>
<i>The great Gallery in Somerfet-Gardens,</i> ———	<i>The Crown.</i>
<i>Gunnersbury-House near Brentford, Middlesex,</i>	<i>{ Possess'd by the Duke of</i>
	<i>Queensbury.</i>
<i>Lindsay-House in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields,</i> ———	<i>Duke of Ancafter.</i>
<i>York-Stairs at the Thames in York-Buildings.</i>	
<i>St. Paul's-Church in Covent-Garden, with its</i>	
<i>glorious Portico.</i>	
<i>The Building and Piazza of Covent-Garden,</i>	<i>Duke of Bedford.</i>
<i>Wilton-Castle in Wiltshire,</i> ———	<i>Earl of Pembroke.</i>
<i>Castle-Ashby in Northamptonshire,</i> ———	<i>Earl of Strafford.</i>
<i>Stoke-Park in ditto</i> ——— ———	<i>Arundel Esq;</i>
<i>Wing-House in Bedfordshire,</i> ———	<i>Hon. Wm. Stanhope Esq;</i>
<i>Chering-House in Kent,</i> ———	<i>Earl Stanhope.</i>
<i>Ambrose-Bury in Wiltshire,</i> ———	<i>Lord Carleton.</i>

All design'd by the incomparable INIGO JONES, and most of them conducted by him, or by his Son-in-Law Mr. Web, according to Mr. Jones's Designs.

Besides many more conducted by other Architects, influenc'd by the same happy Genius; such as,

<i>Bow-Church Steeple in Cheapside,</i> ——— ———	<i>Built by Sir Chri. Wren.</i>
<i>Hotham-House in Beverley, Yorkshire,</i> ———	<i>Sir Charles Hotham Bart.</i>

tain'd and propagated their Concernments in a way peculiar to themselves, which the most *Cunning* and the most *Learned* cannot penetrate into, though it has been often attempted; while They know and love one another, even without the Help of Speech, or when of different Languages.

And now the *Freeborn* BRITISH NATIONS, disintangled from foreign and civil Wars, and enjoying the good Fruits of Peace and Liberty, having of late much indulg'd their happy Genius for Masonry of every sort, and reviv'd the *drooping* Lodges of London, this fair *Metropolis* flourisheth, as well as other Parts, with several worthy *particular* Lodges, that have a quarterly *Communication*, and an annual *grand Assembly*, wherein the *Forms* and *Usages* of the most ancient and
worshipful

Melvin-House in Fife, ——— ——— ———	Earl of Levin.
Longleate-House in Wiltshire, ——— ——— ———	Viscount Weymouth.
Chesterlee-street-House in Durham County, ——— ——— ———	John Hedworth Esq;
Montague-House in Bloomsbury, London, ——— ——— ———	Duke of Montagu.
Drumlanrig-Castle in Nithisdalefhire, ——— ——— ———	Duke of Queensbury.
Castle-Howard in Yorkfhire, ——— ——— ———	Earl of Carlisle.
Stainborough-House in ditto, ——— ——— ———	Earl of Strafford.
Hopton-Castle in Linlithgowfhire, ——— ——— ———	Earl of Hopton.
BLENHEIM-Castle at Woodstock, Oxfordfhire, ——— ——— ———	Duke of Marlborough.
Chatsworth-Castle in Derbyfhire, ——— ——— ———	Duke of Devonfhire.
Palace of Hammilton in Clydsdalefhire, ——— ——— ———	Duke of Hammilton.
Wanstead-House in Epping-Forest, Essex, ——— ——— ———	Lord Castlemain.
Duncomb-Park in Yorkfhire, ——— ——— ———	Thomas Duncomb Esq;
Mereworth-Castle in Kent, ——— ——— ———	Hon. John Fane Esq;
Sterling-House near Sterling-Castle, ——— ——— ———	Duke of Argyle.
Kinrofs-House in Kinrofsfhire, ——— ——— ———	Sir William Bruce Bart.
Stourton-Castle in Wiltfhire, ——— ——— ———	Henry Hoar Esq;
Willbury-House in ditto, ——— ——— ———	William Benfon Esq;
Bute-Castle in Isle of Bute, ——— ——— ———	Earl of Bute.
Walpole-House near Lin Regis, Norfolk, ——— ——— ———	Hon. Rob. Walpole Esq;
	Burlington.

worshipful Fraternity are wisely propagated, and the *Royal Art* duly cultivated, and the *Cement* of the Brotherhood preserv'd; so that the whole *Body* resembles a well built *Arch*; several *Noblemen* and *Gentlemen* of the best Rank, with *Clergymen* and learned *Scholars* of most Professions and Denominations, having frankly join'd and submitted to take the *Charges*, and to wear the *Badges* of a *Free* and *Accepted Mason*, under our present worthy *Grand-Master*, the most noble PRINCE John Duke of MONTAGUE.

Burlington-House in Pickadilly, St. James's,	}	<i>Earl of Burlington.</i>
Westminster, ———		
Dormitory of King's-School, Westminster, ———		<i>The Crown.</i>
Tottenham-Park in Wiltshire, ———		<i>Lord Bruce.</i>

These three last are design'd and conducted by the Earl of BURLINGTON, who bids fair to be the best Architect of Britain, (if he is not so already) and we hear his Lordship intends to publish the valuable Remains of Mr. Inigo Jones, for the Improvement of other Architects.

Besides more of the same Roman Style, and yet many more in Imitation of it, which though they cannot be reduc'd to any certain Style, are stately, beautiful, and convenient Structures, notwithstanding the Mistakes of their several Architects: And besides the sumptuous and venerable Gothick Buildings, past reckoning, as Cathedrals, Parish-Churches, Chappels, Bridges, old Palaces of the Kings, of the Nobility, of the Bishops, and the Gentry, known well to Travellers, and to such as peruse the Histories of Counties, and the ancient Monuments of great Families, &c. as many Erections of the Roman Style may be review'd in Mr. Campbell the Architect's, ingenious Book, call'd VITRUVIUS BRITANNICUS: And if the Disposition for true ancient Masonry prevails, for some time, with Noblemen, Gentlemen, and learned Men, (at it is likely it will) this ISLAND will become the MISTRESS of the Earth, for Designing, Drawing, and Conducting, and capable to instruct all other Nations in all things relating to the ROYAL ART.

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THE
CHARGES
OF A
FREE-MASON,

EXTRACTED FROM

The ancient RECORDS of LODGES
beyond Sea, and of those in *England, Scotland,*
and *Ireland*, for the Use of the *Lodges* in LONDON:

TO BE READ

At the making of NEW BRETHREN, or when the
MASTER shall order it.

The General Heads, viz.



I. OF GOD and RELIGION.

II. Of the CIVIL MAGISTRATE supreme and
subordinate.

III. Of LODGES.

IV. Of MASTERS, *Wardens, Fellows,* and *Ap-
prentices.*

V. Of the Management of the *Craft* in working.

VI. Of BEHAVIOUR, viz.

1. In the Lodge while *constituted.*
2. After the Lodge is over and the *Brethren* not gone.
3. When *Brethren* meet without *Strangers*, but not in a
Lodge.
4. In Prefence of *Strangers not Masons.*
5. At *Home*, and in the *Neighbourhood.*
6. Towards a *strange Brother.*

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I. Con-

I. *Concerning* GOD *and* RELIGION.

A *Mason* is oblig'd, by his Tenure, to obey the moral Law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid *Atheist*, nor an irreligious *Libertine*. But though in ancient Times *Masons* were charg'd in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves; that is, to be *good Men and true*, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish'd; whereby *Masonry* becomes the *Center of Union*, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must have remain'd at a perpetual Distance.

II. *Of the* CIVIL MAGISTRATE *supreme and subordinate.*

A *Mason* is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concern'd in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as *Masonry* hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much dispos'd to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their Peaceableness and *Loyalty*, whereby they practically answer'd the Cavils of their Adversaries, and promoted the Honour of the Fraternity, who ever flourish'd in Times of Peace. So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, he is not to be countenanc'd in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man; and, if convicted of no other Crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being; they cannot expel him from the *Lodge*, and his Relation to it remains indefeasible.

III. *Of*

III. Of LODGES.

A LODGE is a Place where *Masons* assemble and work: Hence that Assembly, or duly organiz'd Society of *Masons*, is call'd a LODGE, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its *By-Laws* and the GENERAL REGULATIONS. It is either *particular* or *general*, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the Regulations of the *General* or *Grand Lodge* hereunto annex'd. In ancient Times, no *Master* or *Fellow* could be absent from it, especially when warn'd to appear at it, without incurring a severe Censure, until it appear'd to the *Master* and *Wardens*, that pure Necessity hinder'd him.

The Persons admitted Members of a *Lodge* must be good and true Men, free-born, and of mature and discreet Age, no Bondmen, no Women, no immoral or scandalous Men, but of good Report.

IV. Of MASTERS, **Wardens**, Fellows, and Apprentices.

All Preferment among *Masons* is grounded upon real Worth and personal Merit only; that so the *Lords* may be well served, the Brethren not put to Shame, nor the *Royal Craft* despis'd: Therefore no *Master* or *Warden* is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and every Brother must attend in his Place, and learn them in a way peculiar to *this Fraternity*: Only *Candidates* may know, that no *Master* should take an *Apprentice*, unless he has sufficient Employment for him, and unless he be a perfect Youth, having no Maim or Defect in his Body, that may render him incapable of learning the *Art*, of serving his *Master's Lord*, and of being made a *Brother*, and then a *Fellow-Craft* in due time, even after he has served such a Term of Years as the Custom of the Country directs; and that he should be descended of honest Parents; that so, when otherwise qualify'd, he may arrive to the Honour of being the WARDEN, and then the *Master* of the *Lodge*, the *Grand Warden*, and at length the GRAND-MASTER of all the *Lodges*, according to his Merit.

No Brother can be a WARDEN until he has pass'd the part of a *Fellow-Craft*; nor a MASTER until he has acted as a *Warden*, nor GRAND-WARDEN until he has been *Master* of a *Lodge*, nor *Grand Master* unless he has been a *Fellow-Craft* before his Election, who is also to be nobly born, or a *Gentleman* of the best Fashion, or some eminent *Scholar*, or some curious *Architect*, or other *Artist*, descended of honest Parents, and who is of singular great Merit in the Opinion of the *Lodges*. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable Discharge of his Office, the *Grand-Master* has a Power to chuse his own DEPUTY GRAND-MASTER, who must be then, or must have been formerly, the *Master* of a particular *Lodge*, and has the Privilege of acting whatever the GRAND-MASTER, his *Principal*, should act, unless the said *Principal* be present, or interpose his Authority by a Letter.

These Rulers and Governors, *supreme* and *subordinate*, of the ancient *Lodge*, are to be obey'd in their respective Stations by all the Brethren, according to the *old Charges* and *Regulations*, with all Humility, Reverence, Love, and Alacrity.

V. *Of the Management of the CRAFT in working.*

All *Masons* shall work honestly on working Days, that they may live creditably on *holy Days*; and the time appointed by the Law of the Land, or confirm'd by Custom, shall be observ'd.

The most expert of the *Fellow-Craftsmen* shall be chosen or appointed the *Master*, or Overseer of the *Lord's Work*; who is to be call'd MASTER by those that work under him. The *Craftsmen* are to avoid all ill Language, and to call each other by no disobliging Name, but *Brother* or *Fellow*; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the *Lodge*.

The *Master*, knowing himself to be able of Cunning, shall undertake the *Lord's Work* as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his Goods as if they were his own; nor to give more Wages to any Brother or *Apprentice* than he really may deserve.

Both the *Master* and the *Masons* receiving their Wages justly, shall be faithful to the *Lord*, and honestly finish their Work, whether *Task*

or *Journey*; nor put the Work to *Task* that hath been accustom'd to *Journey*.

None shall discover Envy at the Prosperity of a Brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his Work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no Man can finish another's Work so much to the *Lord's* Profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the Designs and Draughts of him that began it.

When a *Fellow-Craftsman* is chosen *Warden* of the Work under the *Master*, he shall be true both to *Master* and *Fellows*, shall carefully oversee the Work in the *Master's* Absence to the *Lord's* Profit; and his Brethren shall obey him.

All *Masons* employ'd, shall meekly receive their Wages without Murmuring or Mutiny, and not desert the *Master* till the Work is finish'd.

A *younger* Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the Materials for want of Judgment, and for encreasing and continuing of *Brotherly Love*.

All the Tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No *Labourer* shall be employ'd in the proper Work of *Masonry*; nor shall *Free Masons* work with those that are *not free*, without an urgent Necessity; nor shall they teach *Labourers* and *unaccepted* *Masons*, as they should teach a *Brother* or *Fellow*.

VI. Of B E H A V I O U R, VIZ.

I. In the Lodge while constituted.

You are not to hold private Committees, or separate Conversation, without Leave from the *Master*, nor to talk of any thing impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the *Master* or *Wardens*, or any Brother speaking to the *Master*: Nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the *Lodge* is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming Language upon any Pretence whatsoever;
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but to pay due Reverence to your *Master, Wardens, and Fellows*, and put them to worship.

If any Complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the Award and Determination of the *Lodge*, who are the proper and competent Judges of all such Controversies, (unless you carry it by *Appeal* to the GRAND LODGE) and to whom they ought to be referr'd, unless a *Lord's* Work be hinder'd the mean while, in which Case a particular Reference may be made; but you must never go to Law about what concerneth *Masonry*, without an absolute Necessity apparent to the *Lodge*.

2. *Behaviour after the LODGE is over and the Brethren not gone.*

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent Mirth, treating one another according to Ability, but avoiding all Excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his Inclination, or hindering him from going when his Occasions call him, or doing or saying any thing offensive, or that may forbid an *easy* and *free* Conversation; for that would blast our Harmony, and defeat our laudable Purposes. Therefore no private Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the *Lodge*, far less any Quarrels about *Religion*, or *Nations*, or *State Policy*, we being only, as *Masons*, of the *Catholick Religion* above-mention'd; we are also of all *Nations, Tongues, Kindreds, and Languages*, and are resolv'd against all *Politicks*, as what never yet conduc'd to the Welfare of the *Lodge*, nor ever will. This *Charge* has been always strictly enjoin'd and observ'd; but especially ever since the *Reformation* in BRITAIN, or the Dissent and Secession of these Nations from the *Communion* of ROME.

3. *Behaviour when Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge form'd.*

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other *Brother*, freely giving mutual Instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard,

heard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that Respect which is due to any Brother, were he not a Mason: For though all *Masons* are as *Brethren* upon the same *Level*, yet *Masonry* takes no Honour from a Man that he had before; nay rather it adds to his Honour, especially if he has deserv'd well of the Brotherhood, who must give Honour to whom it is due, and avoid *ill Manners*.

4. Behaviour in Presence of STRANGERS not Masons.

You shall be cautious in your Words and Carriage, that the most penetrating Stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a Discourse, and manage it prudently for the Honour of the *worshipful Fraternity*.

5. Behaviour at HOME, and in your Neighbourhood.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise Man; particularly, not to let your Family, Friends, and Neighbours know the *Concerns* of the *Lodge*, &c. but wisely to consult your own Honour, and that of the *ancient Brotherhood*, for Reasons not to be mention'd here. You must also consult your Health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from home, after Lodge Hours are past; and by avoiding of Gluttony or Drunkenness, that your Families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6. Behaviour towards a strange Brother.

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a Method as Prudence shall direct you, that you may not be impos'd upon by an ignorant false *Pretender*, whom you are to reject with Contempt and Derision, and beware of giving him any Hints of Knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine *Brother*, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be reliev'd: You must employ

ploy him some Days, or else recommend him to be employ'd. But you are not charged to do beyond your Ability, only to prefer a poor *Brother*, that is a *good Man* and *true*, before any other poor People in the same Circumstances.

FINALLY, All these *Charges* you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in *another way*; cultivating BROTHERLY-LOVE, the Foundation and Cape-stone, the *Cement* and *Glory* of this ancient *Fraternity*, avoiding all Wrangling and Quarrelling, all Slander and Backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his Character, and doing him all good Offices, as far as is consistent with your *Honour* and *Safety*, and no farther. And if any of them do you Injury, you must apply to your own or his *Lodge*; and from thence you may appeal to the GRAND LODGE at the *Quarterly Communication*, and from thence to the *annual* GRAND LODGE, as has been the ancient laudable Conduct of our Fore-fathers in every Nation; never taking a *legal Course* but when the Case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly Advice of *Master* and *Fellows*, when they would prevent your going to Law with *Strangers*, or would excite you to put a speedy Period to all *Law-Suits*, that so you may mind the *Affair* of MASONRY with the more Alacrity and Success; but with respect to *Brothers* or *Fellows* at Law, the *Master* and Brethren should kindly offer their Mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that Submission is impracticable, they must however carry on their *Process*, or *Law-Suit*, without Wrath and Rancor (not in the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder *Brotherly Love*, and good Offices to be renew'd and continu'd; that all may see the *benign Influence* of MASONRY, as all true *Masons* have done from the Beginning of the *World*, and will do to the End of *Time*.

Amen so mote it be.

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P O S T S C R I P T.

A *Worthy* BROTHER, learned in the *Law*, has communicated to the *Author* (while this Sheet was printing) the Opinion of the *Great Judge COKE* upon the *Act* against *Masons*, 3 *Hen. VI.* Cap. I. which is Printed in this Book, *Page 35*, and which Quotation the *Author* has compar'd with the Original, *viz.*

COKE's Institutes, third Part, Fol. 99.

The CAUSE wherefore this Offence was made Felony, is for that the good Courfe and Effect of the Statutes of Labourers were thereby violated and broken. Now (fais my Lord COKE) all the Statutes concerning Labourers, before this Act, and whereunto this Act doth refer, are repeal'd by the Statute of 5 Eliz. Cap. 4. whereby the Cause and End of the making of this Act is taken away; and consequently this Act is become of no Force or Effect; for, cessante ratione Legis, cessat ipfa Lex: And the Indictment of Felony upon this Statute must contain, that those Chapters and Congregations were to the violating and breaking of the good Courfe and Effect of the Statutes of Labourers; which now cannot be so alledg'd, because these Statutes be repealed. Therefore this would be put out of the Charge of Justices of Peace, written by Master LAMBERT, pag. 227.

This Quotation confirms the Tradition of *old Masons*, that this most learned JUDGE really belong'd to the ancient *Lodge*, and was a *faithful Brother*.



General Regulations,

Compiled first by Mr. GEORGE PAYNE,

Anno 1720, when he was **Grand-Master**, and approv'd by the GRAND-LODGE on *St. John Baptist's Day*, *Anno* 1721, at *Stationer's-Hall*, LONDON; when the *most noble* PRINCE John Duke of MONTAGU was unanimously chosen our **Grand-Master** for the Year ensuing; who chose

JOHN BEAL M. D. his *Deputy* GRAND-MASTER;

and

	Mr. <i>Josiah Villeneau</i>		were chosen by the Lodge GRAND-WARDENS.
	Mr. <i>Thomas Morris, jun.</i>		

And now by the Command of our said *Right Worshipful* GRAND-MASTER MONTAGU, the *Author* of this Book has compar'd them with, and reduc'd them to the ancient *Records* and immemorial *Usages* of the Fraternity, and digested them into this new Method, with several proper *Explications*, for the Use of the Lodges in and about *London* and *Westminster*.

I.



THE **Grand-Master**, or his DEPUTY, hath Authority and Right, not only to be present in any true *Lodge*, but also to preside wherever he is, with the *Master* of the *Lodge* on his Left-hand, and to order his *Grand-Wardens* to attend him, who are not to act in particular *Lodges* as *Wardens*, but in his Presence, and at his Command; because there the GRAND-MASTER may command the

the *Wardens* of that *Lodge*, or any other Brethren he pleaseth, to attend and act as his *Wardens pro tempore*.

II. The MASTER of a particular *Lodge* has the Right and Authority of congregating the Members of his *Lodge* into a *Chapter* at pleasure, upon any Emergency or Occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming: And in case of Sicknefs, Death, or necessary Absence of the *Master*, the senior *Warden* shall act as *Master pro tempore*, if no Brother is present who has been *Master* of that *Lodge* before; for in that Case the *absent Master's* Authority reverts to the last *Master* then present; though he cannot act until the said *senior Warden* has once congregated the *Lodge*, or in his Absence the *junior Warden*.

III. The *Master* of each particular *Lodge*, or one of the *Wardens*, or some other Brother by his Order, shall keep a Book containing their *By-Laws*, the Names of their Members, with a List of all the *Lodges* in Town, and the usual Times and Places of their forming, and all their Transactions that are proper to be written.

IV. No *Lodge* shall make more than FIVE new Brethren at one Time, nor any Man under the Age of *Twenty-five*, who must be also his own Master; unless by a Dispensation from the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy*.

V. No Man can be made or admitted a Member of a particular *Lodge*, without previous notice *one Month before* given to the said *Lodge*, in order to make due Enquiry into the Reputation and Capacity of the *Candidate*; unless by the Dispensation aforesaid.

VI. But no Man can be enter'd a Brother in any particular *Lodge*, or admitted to be a Member thereof, without the *unanimous Consent of all the Members of that Lodge* then present when the *Candidate* is propos'd, and their Consent is formally ask'd by the *Master*; and they are to signify their *Consent* or *Dissent* in their own prudent way, either virtually or in form, but with Unanimity: Nor is this inherent Privilege subject to a Dispensation; because the *Members* of a particular *Lodge* are the best Judges of it; and if a fractious Member should be impos'd on them, it might spoil their Harmony; or hinder their Free-

dom; or even break and disperse the *Lodge*; which ought to be avoided by all good and true Brethren.

VII. Every *new Brother* at his making is decently to cloath the *Lodge*, that is, all the Brethren present, and to depofite fomething for the Relief of indigent and decay'd Brethren, as the *Candidate* fhall think fit to beftow, over and above the fmall Allowance ftated by the *By-Laws* of that particular *Lodge*; which *Charity* fhall be lodg'd with the *Master* or *Wardens*, or the *Cafhier*, if the Members think fit to chufe one.

And the *Candidate* fhall alfo folemnly promife to fubmit to the *Constitutions*, the *Charges*, and *Regulations*, and to fuch other good *Ufages* as fhall be intimated to them in Time and Place convenient.

VIII. No Set or Number of Brethren fhall withdraw or feparate themfelves from the *Lodge* in which they were made *Brethren*, or were afterwards admitted *Members*, unlefs the *Lodge* becomes too numerous; nor even then, without a Difpenfation from the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy*. And when they are thus feparated, they muft either immediately join themfelves to fuch *other Lodge* as they fhall like beft, with the unanimous Confent of that other *Lodge* to which they go (*as above regulated*) or elfe they muft obtain the *Grand-Master's* Warrant to join in forming a *new Lodge*.

If any Set or Number of *Mafons* fhall take upon themfelves to form a *Lodge* without the *Grand-Master's* Warrant, the *regular Lodges* are not to countenance them, nor own them as *fair Brethren* and duly form'd, nor approve of their Acts and Deeds; but muft treat them as *Rebels*, until they humble themfelves, as the *Grand-Master* fhall in his Prudence direct, and until he approve of them by his *Warrant*, which muft be fignify'd to the *other Lodges*, as the Custom is when a *new Lodge* is to be register'd in the *List of Lodges*.

IX. But if any Brother fo far misbehave himfelf as to render his *Lodge* uneasy, he fhall be twice duly admonifh'd by the *Master* or *Wardens* in a *form'd Lodge*; and if he will not refrain his Imprudence, and obediently fubmit to the Advice of the Brethren, and reform what gives them Offence, he fhall be dealt with according to the *By-*

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Laws of that particular *Lodge*, or else in such a manner as the *Quarterly Communication* shall in their great Prudence think fit; for which a *new Regulation* may be afterwards made.

X. The *Majority* of every particular *Lodge*, when congregated, shall have the Privilege of giving *Instructions* to their *Master* and *Wardens*, before the assembling of the *Grand Chapter*, or *Lodge*, at the three *Quarterly Communications* hereafter mention'd, and of the *Annual Grand Lodge* too; because their *Master* and *Wardens* are their Representatives, and are supposed to speak their Mind.

XI. All *particular Lodges* are to observe the same *Usages* as much as possible; in order to which, and for cultivating a good Understanding among *Free-Masons*, some Members out of *every Lodge* shall be deputed to visit the *other Lodges* as often as shall be thought convenient.

XII. *The Grand-Lodge* consists of, and is form'd by the *Masters* and *Wardens* of all the regular particular *Lodges* upon Record, with the GRAND-MASTER at their Head, and his *Deputy* on his Left-hand, and the *Grand-Wardens* in their proper Places; and must have a QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION about *Michaelmas*, *Christmas*, and *Lady-Day*, in some convenient Place, as the *Grand-Master* shall appoint, where no Brother shall be present, who is not at that time a Member thereof, without a Dispensation; and while he stays, he shall not be allow'd to vote, nor even give his Opinion, without Leave of the *Grand-Lodge* ask'd and given, or unless it be duly ask'd by the said Lodge.

All Matters are to be determin'd in the *Grand-Lodge* by a Majority of Votes, each Member having one Vote, and the *Grand-Master* having two Votes, unless the said *Lodge* leave any particular thing to the Determination of the *Grand-Master*, for the sake of Expedition.

XIII. At the said *Quarterly Communication*, all Matters that concern the *Fraternity* in general, or particular *Lodges*, or single Brethren, are quietly, sedately and maturely to be discours'd of and transacted: *Apprentices* must be admitted *Masters* and *Fellow-Craft* only here, unless by a Dispensation. Here also all Differences, that cannot be made

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up and accommodated privately, nor by a particular *Lodge*, are to be seriously considered and decided: And if any *Brother* thinks himself aggrieved by the Decision of this Board, he may appeal to the *annual Grand-Lodge* next ensuing, and leave his Appeal in Writing, with the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, or the *Grand-Wardens*.

Here also the *Master* or the *Wardens* of each particular *Lodge* shall bring and produce a List of such Members as have been made, or even admitted in their particular *Lodges* since the last *Communication* of the *Grand-Lodge*: And there shall be a Book kept by the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, or rather by some Brother whom the *Grand-Lodge* shall appoint for SECRETARY, wherein shall be recorded all the *Lodges*, with their usual Times and Places of forming, and the Names of all the Members of each *Lodge*; and all the Affairs of the *Grand-Lodge* that are proper to be written.

They shall also consider of the most prudent and effectual Methods of collecting and disposing of what Money shall be given to, or lodged with them in *Charity*, towards the Relief only of any true Brother fallen into Poverty or Decay, but of none else: But every particular *Lodge* shall dispose of their own *Charity* for poor Brethren, according to their own *By-Laws*, until it be agreed by all the *Lodges* (*in a new Regulation*) to carry in the *Charity* collected by them to the GRAND-LODGE, at the *Quarterly* or *Annual Communication*, in order to make a common Stock of it, for the more handsome Relief of *poor Brethren*.

They shall also appoint a TREASURER, a Brother of good worldly Substance, who shall be a Member of the *Grand-Lodge* by virtue of his Office, and shall be always present, and have Power to move to the *Grand-Lodge* any thing, especially what concerns his Office. To him shall be committed all Money rais'd for *Charity*, or for any other Use of the *Grand-Lodge*, which he shall write down in a Book, with the respective Ends and Uses for which the several Sums are intended; and shall expend or disburse the same by such a *certain Order* sign'd, as the *Grand-Lodge* shall afterwards agree to in a *new Regulation*: But he shall not vote in chusing a *Grand-Master* or *Wardens*, though in every other Transaction. As in like manner the Secretary

tary shall be a Member of the *Grand-Lodge* by virtue of his Office, and vote in every thing except in chusing a *Grand-Master* or *Wardens*.

The *Treasurer* and *Secretary* shall have each a *Clerk*, who must be a Brother and *Fellow-Craft*, but never must be a Member of the *Grand-Lodge*, nor speak without being allow'd or desir'd.

The *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy*, shall always command the *Treasurer* and *Secretary*, with their *Clerks* and *Books*, in order to see how Matters go on, and to know what is expedient to be done upon any emergent Occasion.

Another Brother (who must be a *Fellow-Craft*) should be appointed to look after the Door of the *Grand-Lodge*; but shall be no Member of it.

But these Offices may be farther explain'd by a *new Regulation*, when the Necessity and Expediency of them may more appear than at present to the *Fraternity*.

XIV. If at any GRAND-LODGE, stated or occasional, quarterly or annual, the *Grand-Master* and his *Deputy* should be both absent, then the present *Master* of a *Lodge*, that has been the longest a *Free-Mason*, shall take the Chair, and preside as *Grand-Master pro tempore*; and shall be vested with all his Power and Honour for the time; provided there is no Brother present that has been *Grand-Master* formerly, or *Deputy Grand-Master*; for the last *Grand-Master* present, or else the last *Deputy* present, should always of right take place in the Absence of the present *Grand-Master* and his *Deputy*.

XV. In the GRAND-LODGE none can act as *Wardens* but the *Grand-Wardens* themselves, if present; and if absent, the *Grand-Master*, or the Person who presides in his Place, shall order *private Wardens* to act as *Grand-Wardens pro tempore*, whose Places are to be supply'd by two *Fellow-Craft* of the same *Lodge*, call'd forth to act, or sent thither by the particular *Master* thereof; or if by him omitted, then they shall be call'd by the *Grand-Master*, that so the *Grand-Lodge* may be always compleat.

XVI. The GRAND-WARDENS, or any others, are first to advise with the *Deputy* about the Affairs of the *Lodge* or of the Brethren,
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and not to apply to the *Grand-Master* without the Knowledge of the *Deputy*, unless he refuse his Concurrence in any certain necessary Affair; in which Case, or in case of any Difference between the *Deputy* and the *Grand-Wardens*, or other Brethren, both Parties are to go by Concert to the *Grand-Master*, who can easily decide the Controversy and make up the Difference by virtue of his great Authority.

The *Grand-Master* should receive no Intimation of Business concerning *Masonry*, but from his *Deputy* first, except in such certain Cases as his Worship can well judge of; for if the Application to the *Grand-Master* be irregular, he can easily order the *Grand-Wardens*, or any other Brethren thus applying, to wait upon his *Deputy*, who is to prepare the Business speedily, and to lay it orderly before his *Worship*.

XVII. No *Grand-Master*, *Deputy Grand-Master*, *Grand-Wardens*, *Treasurer*, *Secretary*, or whoever acts for them, or in their stead *pro tempore*, can at the same time be the *Master* or *Warden* of a particular *Lodge*; but as soon as any of them has honourably discharg'd his *Grand Office*, he returns to that Post or Station in his particular *Lodge*, from which he was call'd to officiate above.

XVIII. If the DEPUTY GRAND-MASTER be sick, or necessarily absent, the *Grand-Master* may chuse any *Fellow-Craft* he pleases to be his *Deputy pro tempore*: But he that is chosen *Deputy* at the *Grand-Lodge*, and the *Grand-Wardens* too, cannot be discharg'd without the Cause fairly appear to the *Majority* of the *Grand-Lodge*; and the *Grand-Master*, if he is uneasy, may call a GRAND-LODGE on purpose to lay the Cause before them, and to have their Advice and Concurrence: In which case, the *Majority* of the *Grand-Lodge*, if they cannot reconcile the *Master* and his *Deputy* or his *Wardens*, are to concur in allowing the *Master* to discharge his said *Deputy* or his said *Wardens*, and to chuse another *Deputy* immediately; and the said *Grand-Lodge* shall chuse other *Wardens* in that Case, that Harmony and Peace may be preserv'd.

XIX. If the *Grand-Master* should abuse his Power, and render himself unworthy of the Obedience and Subjection of the *Lodges*, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a *new Regulation*;

lation; because hitherto the ancient *Fraternity* have had no occasion for it, their former GRAND-MASTERS having all behaved themselves worthy of that honourable Office.

XX. The *Grand-Master*, with his *Deputy* and *Wardens*, shall (at least once) go round and visit all the *Lodges* about Town during his *Mastership*.

XXI. If the *Grand-Master* die during his *Mastership*, or by Sick-ness, or by being beyond Sea, or any other way should be render'd incapable of discharging his Office, the DEPUTY, or in his Absence, the *Senior GRAND-WARDEN*, or in his Absence the *Junior*, or in his Absence any three present *Masters* of *Lodges*, shall join to congregate the GRAND-LODGE immediately, to advise together upon that Emergency, and to send two of their Number to invite the *last* GRAND-MASTER to resume his Office, which now in course reverts to him; or if he refuse, then the *next last*, and so backward: But if no former *Grand-Master* can be found, then the *Deputy* shall act as *Principal*, until another is chosen; or if there be no *Deputy*, then the oldest *Master*.

XXII. The *Brethren* of all the *Lodges* in and about London and *Westminster*, shall meet at an ANNUAL COMMUNICATION and *Feast*, in some convenient Place, on *St. JOHN Baptist's* Day, or else on *St. JOHN Evangelist's* Day, as the *Grand-Lodge* shall think fit by a *new Regulation*, having of late Years met on *St. John Baptist's* Day: Provided,

The Majority of the *Masters* and *Wardens*, with the *Grand-Master*, his *Deputy* and *Wardens*, agree at their *Quarterly Communication*, three Months before, that there shall be a *Feast*, and a *General Communication* of all the *Brethren*: For if either the *Grand-Master*, or the Majority of the particular *Masters*, are against it, it must be dropt for that Time.

But whether there shall be a *Feast* for all the *Brethren*, or not, yet the *Grand Lodge* must meet in some convenient Place annually on *St. JOHN's* Day; or if it be *Sunday*, then on the next Day, in order to chuse every Year a *new* GRAND-MASTER, *Deputy*, and *Wardens*.

XXIII. If it be thought expedient, and the GRAND-MASTER, with the *Majority* of the *Masters* and *Wardens*, agree to hold a GRAND FEAST, according to the ancient laudable Custom of *Masons*, then the *Grand-Wardens* shall have the care of preparing the *Tickets*, seal'd with the *Grand-Master's* Seal, of disposing of the *Tickets*, of receiving the Money for the *Tickets*, of buying the Materials of the *Feast*, of finding out a proper and convenient Place to feast in; and of every other thing that concerns the Entertainment.

But that the Work may not be too burthensome to the two *Grand-Wardens*, and that all Matters may be expeditiously and safely managed, the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, shall have power to nominate and appoint a certain Number of Stewards, as his *Worship* shall think fit, to act in concert with the two *Grand-Wardens*; all things relating to the Feast being decided amongst them by a Majority of Voices; except the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy* interpose by a particular Direction or Appointment.

XXIV. The *Wardens* and *Stewards* shall, in due time, wait upon the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, for Directions and Orders about the Premises; but if his *Worship* and his *Deputy* are sick, or necessarily absent, they shall call together the *Masters* and *Wardens* of *Lodges* to meet on purpose for their Advice and Orders; or else they may take the Matter wholly upon themselves, and do the best they can.

The *Grand-Wardens* and the *Stewards* are to account for all the Money they receive, or expend, to the *Grand-Lodge*, after Dinner, or when the *Grand-Lodge* shall think fit to receive their Accounts.

If the *Grand-Master* pleases, he may in due time summon all the *Masters* and *Wardens* of *Lodges* to consult with them about ordering the *Grand-Feast*, and about any Emergency or accidental thing relating thereunto, that may require Advice; or else to take it upon himself altogether.

XXV. The *Masters* of *Lodges* shall each appoint one experienc'd and discreet *Fellow-Craft* of his *Lodge*, to compose a COMMITTEE, consisting of one from every *Lodge*, who shall meet to receive, in a convenient Apartment, every Person that brings a Ticket, and shall have

have Power to discourse him, if they think fit, in order to admit him, or debar him, as they shall see cause: *Provided* they send no Man away before they have acquainted all the Brethren within Doors with the Reasons thereof, to avoid Mistakes; that so no true Brother may be debarr'd, nor a false Brother, or mere Pretender, admitted. This *Committee* must meet very early on *St. John's Day* at the Place, even before any Persons come with Tickets.

XXVI. The GRAND-MASTER shall appoint two or more *trusty Brethren* to be Porters, or Door-keepers, who are also to be early at the Place, for some good Reasons; and who are to be at the Command of the *Committee*.

XXVII. The *Grand-Wardens*, or the *Stewards*, shall appoint beforehand such a Number of Brethren to serve at Table as they think fit and proper for that Work; and they may advise with the *Masters* and *Wardens* of *Lodges* about the most proper Persons, if they please, or may take in such by their Recommendation; for none are to serve that Day, but *free* and *accepted Masons*, that the Communication may be free and harmonious.

XXVIII. All the Members of the *Grand-Lodge* must be at the Place long before Dinner, with the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, at their Head, who shall retire, and form themselves. And this is done in order,

1. To receive any *Appeals* duly lodg'd, as above regulated, that the *Appellant* may be heard, and the Affair may be amicably decided before Dinner, if possible; but if it cannot, it must be delay'd till after the *new Grand-Master* is elected; and if it cannot be decided after Dinner, it may be delay'd, and referr'd to a *particular Committee*, that shall quietly adjust it, and make Report to the next *Quarterly Communication*, that Brotherly-Love may be preserv'd.

2. To prevent any Difference or Disgust which may be feared to arise that Day; that no Interruption may be given to the Harmony and Pleasure of the GRAND FEAST.

3. To consult about whatever concerns the Decency and Decorum

of the *Grand-Affembly*, and to prevent all Indecency and ill Manners, the Affembly being promiscuous.

4. To receive and confider of any good Motion, or any momentous and important Affair, that fhall be brought from the particular *Lodges*, by their Representatives, the feveral *Masters* and *Wardens*.

XXIX. After thefe things are difcufs'd, the *Grand-Master* and his *Deputy*, the *Grand-Wardens*, or the *Stewards*, the *Secretary*, the *Treasurer*, the *Clerks*, and every other Perfon, fhall withdraw, and leave the *Masters* and *Wardens* of the particular *Lodges* alone, in order to confult amicably about electing a NEW GRAND-MASTER, or continuing the *present*, if they have not done it the Day before; and if they are unanimous for continuing the *present* Grand-Master, his *Worship* fhall be call'd in, and humbly defir'd to do the *Fraternity* the Honour of ruling them for the Year enfuing: And after Dinner it will be known whether he accepts of it or not: For it fhould not be discover'd but by the Election itfelf.

XXX. Then the *Masters* and *Wardens*, and all the Brethren, may converfe promiscuously, or as they please to fort together, until the Dinner is coming in, when every Brother takes his Seat at *Table*.

XXXI. Some time after Dinner the GRAND-LODGE is form'd, not in Retirement, but in the Prefence of all the Brethren, who yet are not Members of it, and muft not therefore fpeak until they are defir'd and allow'd.

XXXII. If the *Grand-Master* of laft Year has confented with the *Master* and *Wardens* in private, before Dinner, to continue for the Year enfuing; then *one* of the *Grand-Lodge*, deputed for that purpofe, fhall *reprefent to all the Brethren his* WORSHIP's good Government, &c. And turning to him, fhall, in the Name of the *Grand-Lodge*, humbly request him to do the FRATERNITY the great Honour (if nobly born, if not) the great Kindnefs of continuing to be their *Grand-Master* for the Year enfuing. And his *Worship* declaring his Confent by a Bow or a Speech, as he pleafes, the faid *deputed Member* of the GRAND-LODGE fhall proclaim him *Grand-Master* and

all the Members of the *Lodge* fhall falute him in due Form. And all the Brethren fhall for a few Minutes have leave to declare their Satisfaction, Pleasure, and Congratulation.

XXXIII. But if either the *Master* and *Wardens* have not in private, this Day before Dinner, nor the Day before, defir'd the *laft Grand-Master* to continue in the *Mastership* another Year; or if he, when defir'd, has not confented: Then,

The *laft* GRAND-MASTER fhall nominate his Succellor for the Year enfuing, who, if unanimoofly approv'd by the *Grand-Lodge*, and if there prefent, fhall be proclaim'd, faluted, and congratulated the *new Grand-Master* as above hinted, and immediately install'd by the *laft Grand-Master*, according to Ufage.

XXXIV. But if that Nomination is not unanimoofly approv'd, the *new Grand-Master* fhall be chofen immediately by *Ballot*, every *Master* and *Warden* writing his Man's Name, and the *laft Grand-Master* writing his Man's Name too; and the Man, whofe Name the *laft Grand-Master* fhall firft take out, cafually or by chance, fhall be GRAND-MASTER for the Year enfuing; and if prefent, he fhall be proclaim'd, faluted, and congratulated, as above hinted, and forthwith install'd by the *laft Grand-Master*, according to Ufage.

XXXV. The *laft* GRAND-MASTER thus continued, or the *new* GRAND-MASTER thus install'd, fhall next nominate and appoint his *Deputy Grand-Master*, either the *laft* or a new one, who fhall be alfo declar'd, faluted and congratulated as above hinted.

The *Grand-Master* fhall alfo nominate the *new* GRAND-WARDENS, and if unanimoofly approv'd by the the *Grand-Lodge*, fhall be declar'd, faluted, and congratulated, as above hinted; but if not, they fhall be chofen by *Ballot*, in the fame way as the *Grand-Master*: As the *Wardens* of private *Lodges* are alfo to be chofen by *Ballot* in each *Lodge*, if the Members thereof do not agree to their *Master's* Nomination.

XXXVI. But if the BROTHER, whom the prefent *Grand-Master* fhall nominate for his *Succellor*, or whom the Majority of the *Grand-Lodge* fhall happen to chufe by *Ballot*, is, by Sicknefs or other
neceffary

neceffary Occafion, abfent from the *Grand-Feaft*, he cannot be proclaim'd the NEW GRAND-MASTER, unlefs the *old Grand-Mafter*, or fome of the *Masters* and *Wardens* of the *Grand-Lodge* can vouch, upon the *Honour* of a *Brother*, that the faid Perfon, fo nominated or chofen, will readily accept of the faid Office; in which cafe the *old Grand-Mafter* fhall act as Proxy, and fhall nominate the *Deputy* and *Wardens* in his Name, and in his Name alfo receive the ufual Honours, Homage, and Congratulation.

XXXVII. Then the *Grand-Mafter* fhall allow any Brother, *Fellow-Craft*, or *Apprentice* to fpeak, directing his Difcourfe to his *Worship*; or to make any Motion for the good of the Fraternity, which fhall be either immediately confider'd and finifh'd, or elfe referr'd to the Confideration of the *Grand-Lodge* at their next *Communication*, ftated or occafional. When that is over,

XXXVIII. The GRAND-MASTER or his *Deputy*, or fome Brother appointed by him, fhall harangue all the Brethren, and give them good Advice: And laftly, after fome other Tranfactions, that cannot be written in any Language, the Brethren may go away or ftay longer, as they pleafe.

XXXIX. Every *Annual* GRAND-LODGE has an inherent Power and Authority to make *new Regulations*, or to alter thefe, for the real Benefit of this *ancient Fraternity*: Provided always that *the old LAND-MARKS* be carefully *preferv'd*, and that fuch Alterations and *new Regulations* be propos'd and agreed to at the third *Quarterly Communication* preceding the *Annual Grand Feaft*; and that they be offer'd alfo to the Perufal of all the Brethren before Dinner, in writing, even of the youngft *Apprentice*; the Approbation and Confent of the *Majority* of all the Brethren prefent being abfolutely neceffary to make the fame binding and obligatory; which muft, after Dinner, and after the *new Grand-Mafter* is install'd, be folemnly defir'd; as it was defir'd and obtain'd for thefe REGULATIONS, when propos'd by the GRAND-LODGE, to about 150 Brethren, on *St. John Baptifts Day*, 1721.

P O S T -

P O S T S C R I P T.

Here follows the Manner of constituting a **New Lodge**, as practis'd by his Grace the DUKE of WHARTON, the present *Right Worshipful Grand-Master*, according to the ancient Usages of *Masons*.

A **New Lodge**, for avoiding many Irregularities, should be solemnly constituted by the *Grand-Master*, with his *Deputy* and *Wardens*; or in the *Grand-Master's* Absence, the *Deputy* shall act for his *Worship*, and shall chuse some *Master* of a *Lodge* to assist him; or in case the *Deputy* is absent, the *Grand-Master* shall call forth some *Master* of a *Lodge* to act as *Deputy pro tempore*.

The *Candidates*, or the new Master and Wardens, being yet among the *Fellow-Craft*, the GRAND-MASTER shall ask his *Deputy* if he has examin'd them, and finds the Candidate *Master* well skill'd in the noble Science and the royal Art, and duly instructed in our *Mysteries*, &c.

And the *Deputy* answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the *Grand-Master's* Order) take the *Candidate* from among his Fellows, and present him to the *Grand-Master*; saying, *Right worshipful GRAND-MASTER, the Brethren here desire to be form'd into a new Lodge; and I present this my worthy Brother to be their Master, whom I know to be of good Morals and great Skill, true and trusty, and a Lover of the whole Fraternity, wheresoever dispers'd over the Face of the Earth.*

Then the GRAND-MASTER, placing the *Candidate* on his left Hand, having ask'd and obtain'd the unanimous Consent of all the Brethren, shall say; *I constitute and form these good Brethren into a new Lodge, and appoint you the Master of it, not doubting of your Capacity and Care to preserve the Cement of the LODGE, &c.* with some other Expressions that are proper and usual on that Occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon

Upon this the *Deputy* shall rehearse the *Charges* of a *Master*, and the GRAND-MASTER shall ask the *Candidate*, saying, *Do you submit to these Charges, as Masters have done in all Ages?* And the CANDIDATE signifying his cordial Submission thereunto, the *Grand-Master* shall, by certain significant Ceremonies and ancient Usages, install him, and present him with the *Constitutions*, the *Lodge-Book*, and the *Instruments* of his Office, not all together, but one after another; and after each of them, the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, shall rehearse the short and pithy *Charge* that is suitable to the thing presented.

After this, the Members of this *new Lodge*, bowing all together to the *Grand-Master*, shall return his *Worship* Thanks, and immediately do their *Homage* to their *new Master*, and signify their Promise of Subjection and Obedience to him by the usual *Congratulation*.

The *Deputy* and the *Grand-Wardens*, and any other Brethren present, that are not Members of this *new Lodge*, shall next congratulate the *new Master*; and he shall return his becoming Acknowledgments to the GRAND-MASTER first, and to the rest in their Order.

THEN the *Grand-Master* desires the *new Master* to enter immediately upon the Exercise of his Office, in chusing his *Wardens*: And the NEW MASTER calling forth two *Fellow-Craft*, presents them to the *Grand-Master* for his Approbation, and to the *new Lodge* for their Consent. And that being granted,

The *senior* or *junior* GRAND-WARDEN, or some Brother for him, shall rehearse the *Charges* of *Wardens*; and the *Candidates* being solemnly ask'd by the *new Master*, shall signify their Submission thereunto.

Upon which the NEW MASTER, presenting them with the *Instruments* of their Office, shall, in due Form, install them in their proper Places; and the Brethren of that *new Lodge* shall signify their Obedience to the *new Wardens* by the usual *Congratulation*.

And this LODGE being thus compleatly constituted, shall be register'd in the *Grand-Master's Book*, and by his Order notify'd to the *other Lodges*.

A P P R O B A T I O N.

WHEREAS by the Confusions occasion'd in the **Saxon**, **Danish**, and **Norman** Wars, the *Records of Masons* have been much vitiated, the *Free Masons of England* twice thought it necessary to correct their **CONSTITUTIONS**, **CHARGES**, and **REGULATIONS**; first in the Reign of *King ATHELSTAN* the **Saxon**, and long after in the Reign of *King EDWARD IV.* the **Norman**: And WHEREAS the old *Constitutions in England* have been much interpolated, mangled, and miserably corrupted, not only with false Spelling, but even with many false Facts and gross Errors in *History* and *Chronology*, through Length of Time, and the Ignorance of *Transcribers*, in the dark illiterate Ages, before the Revival of *Geometry* and ancient *Architecture*, to the great Offence of all the learned and judicious *Brethren*, whereby also the *Ignorant* have been deceiv'd.

And our late *Worthy Grand-Master*, his Grace the DUKE of MONTAGU, having order'd the *Author* to peruse, correct, and digest, into a new and better Method, the *History*, *Charges*, and *Regulations*, of the ancient **FRATERNITY**; He has accordingly examin'd several Copies from *Italy* and *Scotland*, and sundry Parts of *England*, and from thence, (tho' in many things erroneous) and from several other ancient Records of *Masons*, he has drawn forth the above-written *new CONSTITUTIONS*, with the **Charges** and *General Regulations*. And the *Author* having submitted the whole to the Perusal and Corrections of the *late* and *present* **DEPUTY Grand-Masters**, and of other learned *Brethren*; and also of the *Masters* and *Wardens* of particular *Lodges* at their *Quarterly Communication*: He did regularly deliver them to the late **GRAND-MASTER** himself, the said DUKE of MONTAGU, for his Examination, Correction, and Approbation; and His Grace, by the Advice of several *Brethren*, order'd the same to be handsomely printed for the use of the *Lodges*, though they were not quite ready for the Press during his *Mastership*.

THEREFORE We, the *present* **GRAND-MASTER** of the Right Worshipful and most ancient *Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons*, the **DEPUTY Grand-Master**, the *Grand-Wardens*, the *Masters* and *Wardens* of particular *Lodges* (with the Consent of the *Brethren* and *Fellows* in and about the *Cities* of **LONDON** and **WESTMINSTER**) having also perused this Performance, DO JOIN our laudable Predecessors in our solemn *Approbation* thereof, as what We believe will fully answer the End propos'd; all the valuable Things of the old *Records* being retain'd, the Errors in *History* and *Chronologie* corrected, the false Facts and the improper Words omitted, and the whole digested in a new and better *Method*.

And

And we ordain that these be receiv'd in every particular *Lodge* under our Cognizance, as the ONLY CONSTITUTIONS of *Free* and *Accepted Masons* amongst us, to be read at the making of *new Brethren*, or when the *Master* shall think fit; and which the *new Brethren* should peruse before they are made.

PHILIP Duke of WHARTON *Grand-Master*,
J. T. DESAGULIERS L. L. D. and F. R. S.
DEPUTY *Grand-Master*.

Joshua Limson }
William Hawkins } *Grand-Wardens*.

And the *Masters* and *Wardens* of particular *Lodges*, viz.

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| I. THOMAS MORRIS, <i>sen.</i> Master. | XI. FRANCIS Earl of DALKEITH Master. |
| John Bristow } Wardens. | Capt. Andrew Robinson } Wardens. |
| Abraham Abbot } | Col. Thomas Inwood } |
| II. RICHARD HAIL Master. | XII. JOHN BEAL M. D. and F. R. S. |
| Philip Wolverston } Wardens. | Master. |
| John Doyer } | Edward Pawlet Esq; } Wardens. |
| III. JOHN TURNER Master. | Charles More Esq; } |
| Anthony Sayer } Wardens. | XIII. THOMAS MORRIS <i>jun.</i> Master. |
| Edward Cale } | Joseph Ridler } Wardens. |
| IV. Mr. GEORGE PAYNE Master. | John Clark } |
| Stephen Hall M. D. } Wardens. | XIV. THOMAS ROBBE Esq; Master. |
| Francis Sorell Esq; } | Thomas Grave } Wardens. |
| V. Mr. MATH. BIRKHEAD Master. | Bray Lane } |
| Francis Baily } Wardens. | XV. Mr. JOHN SHEPHERD Master. |
| Nicholas Abraham } | John Senex } Wardens. |
| VI. WILLIAM READ Master. | John Bucler } |
| John Glover } Wardens. | XVI. JOHN GEORGES Esq; Master. |
| Robert Cordell } | Robert Gray Esq; } Wardens |
| VII. HENRY BRANSON Master. | Charles Grymes Esq; } |
| Henry Lug } Wardens. | XVII. JAMES ANDERSON A. M. } Master. |
| John Townshend } | The Author of this Book. } |
| VIII. Master. | Gwinn Vaughan Esq; } Wardens. |
| Jonathan Siffon } Wardens. | Walter Greenwood Esq; } |
| John Shipton } | XVIII. THOMAS HARBIN Master. |
| IX. GEORGE OWEN M. D. Master. | William Attley } Wardens. |
| Eman Bowen } Wardens. | John Saxon } |
| John Heath } | XIX. ROBERT CAPELL Master. |
| X. Master. | Isaac Mansfield } Wardens. |
| John Lubton } Wardens. | William Bly } |
| Richard Smith } | XX. JOHN GORMAN Master. |
| | Charles Garey } Wardens. |
| | Edward Morphey } |

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T H E
M A S T E R ' S S O N G :
O R , T H E
H I S T O R Y o f M A S O N R Y .

By the Author.

To be sung with a *Chorus*, when the M A S T E R shall give leave,
either one Part only, or all together, as he pleases.

P A R T I .

I.

A D A M , the first of humane Kind,
Created with G E O M E T R Y
Imprinted on his *Royal Mind*,
Instructed soon his *Progeny*
C A I N and S E T H , who then improv'd,
The lib'ral *Science* in the *Art*
Of A R C H I T E C T U R E , which they lov'd,
And to their Offspring did impart.

II.

C A I N a City fair and strong
First built, and call'd it *Consecrate*,
From E N O C H ' s Name, his eldest Son,
Which all his Race did imitate:
But *godly* E N O C H , of *Seth's* Loins,
Two Columns rais'd with mighty
And all his Family enjoins (Skill:
True *Colonading* to fullfil.

III.

Our Father N O A H next appear'd,
A *Mason* too divinely taught;
And by divine Command uprear'd
The A R K , that held a goodly Fraught:
'Twas built by true *Geometry*,
A Piece of *Architecture* fine;
Helpt by his Sons, in number T H R E E ,
Concurring in the *grand Design*.

IV.

So from the gen'ral *Deluge* none
Were fav'd, but *Masons* and their
(*Wives*;
And all Mankind from them alone
Descending, *Architecture* thrives;
For they, when multiply'd amain,
Fit to disperse and fill the Earth,
In S H I N A R ' s large and lovely Plain
To M A S O N R Y gave second Birth.

V.

For most of *Mankind* were employ'd,
To build the *City* and the *Tow'r*;
The *Gen'ral Lodge* was overjoy'd,
In such Effects of *Masons* Pow'r;
'Till vain Ambition did provoke
Their Maker to confound their *Plot*;
Yet tho' with Tongues confus'd they
(spoke,
The learned *Art* they ne'er forgot.

Chorus.

*Who can unfold the Royal Art?
Or sing its Secrets in a Song?
They're safely kept in Mason's HEART,
And to the ancient Lodge belong.*
[*Stop here to drink the present GRAND-
MASTER's Health.*

P A R T II.

I.

THUS when from BABEL they
(disperse

In Colonies to distant Climes,
All *Masons true*, who could rehearse
Their Works to those of after Times;
King NIMROD fortify'd his Realm,
By Castles, Tow'rs, and Cities fair:
MITZRA'M, who rul'd at *Egypt's* Helm,
Built *Pyramids* stupendous there.

II.

Nor JAPHET, and his gallant Breed,
Did less in *Masonry* prevail;
Nor SHEM, and those that did succeed
To promis'd Blessings by Entail;
For Father ABRAM brought from UR
Geometry, the Science good;
Which he reveal'd, without demur,
To all descending from his Blood.

III.

Nay JACOB'S Race at length were
(taught,
To lay aside the Shepherd's *Crook*,
To use *Geometry* were brought,
Whilst under *Phar'oh's* cruel Yoke;
'Till MOSES *Master-Mason* rose,
And led the HOLY LODGE from
(thence,
All *Masons* train'd, to whom he chose,
His curious Learning to dispense.

IV.

AHOLIAB and BEZALEEL,
Inspired Men, the TENT uprear'd;
Where the *Shechinah* chose to dwell,
And *Geometrick Skill* appear'd:

And when these valiant *Masons* fill'd
Canaan, the learn'd PHENICIANS knew
The Tribes of *Isra'l* better skill'd
In *Architecture* firm and true.

V.

For DAGON'S House in Gaza Town,
Artfully propt by COLUMNS *two*;
By SAMSON'S mighty Arms pull'd down
On *Lords Philistian*, whom it flew;
Tho' 'twas the finest Fabrick rais'd
By *Canaan's* Sons, could not compare
With the Creator's *Temple* prais'd,
For glorious Strength and Structure
(fair.

VI.

But here we stop a while to toast
Our MASTER'S Health and Wardens
(both;
And warn you all to shun the Coast
Of *Samson's* Shipwreckt Fame and
(Troth;
His *Secrets* once to WIFE disclos'd,
His Strength was fled, his Courage
(tam'd,
To cruel Foes he was expos'd,
And never was a *Mason* nam'd.

Chorus.

Who can unfold the Royal Art?
Or sing its Secrets in a Song?
They're safely kept in Mason's HEART,
And to the ancient Lodge belong.

[Stop here to drink the Health of the
Master and Wardens of this parti-
cular Lodge.

P A R T

P A R T III.

I.

WE sing of MASONS ancient
(Fame,
When *four score Thousand Craftsmen*
(stood,

Under the MASTERS of great Name,
Three Thousand and six Hundred good,
Employ'd by SOLOMON the Sire,
And Gen'l MASTER-MASON too;
As HIRAM was in stately Tyre,
Like Salem built by *Masons true*.

II.

The *Royal Art* was then divine,
The *Craftsmen* counsell'd from above,
The *Temple* did all Works outshine,
The wond'ring World did all approve;
Ingenious Men, from every Place,
Came to survey the glorious *Pile*;
And, when return'd, began to trace,
And imitate its lofty *Style*.

III.

At length the GRECIANS came to know
Geometry, and learnt the Art,
Which great PYTHAGORAS did show,
And glorious EUCLID did impart;
Th' amazing ARCHIMEDES too,
And many other Scholars good;
'Till ancient ROMANS did review
The *Art*, and *Science* understood.

IV.

But when *proud* ASIA they had quell'd,
And GREECE and EGYPT overcome,
In *Architecture* they excell'd,
And brought the Learning all to
(ROME;

Where wise VITRUVIUS, *Master* prime
Of *Architec̃ls*, the *Art* improv'd,
In *Great* AUGUSTUS' peaceful Time,
When *Arts* and *Artists* were below'd.

V.

They brought the Knowledge from the
(East;
And as they made the Nations yield,
They spread it thro' the *North* and *West*,
And taught the World the *Art to build*;
Witness their *Citadels* and *Tow'rs*,
To fortify their *Legions* fine,
Their *Temples*, *Palaces*, and *Bow'rs*,
That spoke the *Masons GRAND*
(DESIGN.

VI.

Thus mighty *Eastern Kings*, and some
Of *Abram's* Race, and Monarchs
(good,
Of *Egypt*, *Syria*, *Greece*, and *Rome*,
True *Architecture* understood:
No wonder then if *Masons* join,
To celebrate those *Mason-Kings*,
With solemn Note and flowing Wine,
Whilst ev'ry *Brother* jointly sings.

Chorus.

Who can unfold the *Royal Art*?
Or sing its Secrets in a Song?
They're safely kept in *Mason's HEART*,
And to the ancient Lodge belong.

[Stop here to drink to the glorious Memory
of Emperors, Kings, Princes, Nobles,
Gentry, Clergy, and learned Scholars,
that ever propagated the Art.

PART

P A R T IV.

I.

OH! glorious Days for *Masons* wife,
O'er all the *Roman* EMPIRE when
Their *Fame*, refounding to the Skies,
Proclaim'd them good and useful Men;
For many Ages thus employ'd,
Until the *Goths*, with warlike Rage,
And brutal Ignorance, destroy'd
The Toil of many a learned Age.

II.

But when the *conqu'ring* *Goths* were
(brought
T'embrace the *Christian Faith*, they
(found

The Folly that their Fathers wrought,
In loss of *Architecture* found.
At length their Zeal for *stately* FANES,
And wealthy Grandeur, when at
(Peace,

Made them exert their utmost Pains,
Their *Gothick Buildings* to up-
(raise.

III.

Thus many a sumptuous *lofty* PILE
Was rais'd in every *Christian* Land,
Tho' not conform to *Roman* STYLE,
Yet which did REVERENCE com-
(mand:

The KING and *Craft* agreeing still,
In well-form'd *Lodges* to supply
The mournful Want of *Roman* Skill
With their new fort of *Masonry*.

IV.

For many Ages this prevails,
Their Work is *Architecture* deem'd;
In ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND,
(WALES,
The *Craftsmen* highly are esteem'd,

By *KINGS*, as *Masters* of the *Lodge*,
By many a *wealthy noble* Peer,
By *LORD* and *Laird*, by *Priest* and
(JUDGE,
By all the People every where.

V.

So *Masons* *ancient* *Records* tell,
King *Athelstan*, of *Saxon* Blood,
Gave them a Charter free to dwell
In *LOFTY* LODGE, with Orders good,
Drawn from old Writings by his Son,
Prince EDWIN, GENERAL-MASTER
(bright,
Who met at *York* the Brethren soon,
And to that *Lodge* did all recite.

VI.

Thence were their *Laws* and *Charges* fine
In ev'ry Reign observ'd with Care,
Of *Saxon*, *Danish*, *Normann* *Line*,
Till *British* CROWNS united were:
The Monarch First of this *whole* ISLE
Was learned JAMES, a *Mason* King,
Who *First* of *Kings* reviv'd the Style
Of *Great* AUGUSTUS: Therefore sing.

Chorus.

Who can unfold the Royal Art?
Or sing its Secrets in a Song?
They're safely kept in *Mason's* HEART,
And to the ancient Lodge belong.

[Stop here to drink to the happy Memory
of all the Revivers of the ancient Au-
gustan Style.

PART

P A R T V.

I.

THUS tho' in *Italy* the Art
 From **Gothick Rubbish** first was
 (rais'd;
 And *Great PALLADIO* did impart
 A Style by *Masons* justly prais'd:
 Yet here his *mighty Rival JONES*,
 Of *British* Architects the *Prime*,
 Did build such glorious Heaps of Stones,
 As ne'er were match'd since *CÆSAR'S*
 (Time.

II.

King *CHARLES* the *First*, a *Mason* too,
 With several *Peers* and wealthy Men,
 Employ'd him and his *Craftsmen* true,
 'Till wretched *Civil Wars* began.
 But after *Peace* and *Crown* restor'd,
 Tho' *LONDON* was in *Ashes* laid,
 By *Masons* Art and good Accord,
 A finer *LONDON* rear'd its Head.

III.

King *CHARLES* the *Second* rais'd then
 The finest *Column* upon Earth,
 Founded *St. Paul's*, that stately *Fane*,
 And *Royal Change*, with Joy and Mirth:
 But afterwards the *Lodges* fail'd,
 Till *Great NASSAU* the Taft reviv'd,
 Whose bright Example so prevail'd,
 That ever since the *Art* has thriv'd.

IV.

Let other *Nations* boast at will,
GREAT BRITAIN now will yield to
 For true *Geometry* and Skill, (none,
 In building *Timber, Brick, and Stone*;
 For *Architecture* of each sort,
 For *curious LODGES*, where we find
 The *Noble* and the *Wise* resort,
 And drink with *Craftsmen* true and
 (kind.

V.

Then let good *Brethren* all rejoice,
 And fill their *Glasses* with chearful
 (Heart;
 Let them express with grateful Voice
 The Praises of the *wond'rous ART*:
 Let ev'ry Brother's *Health* go round,
 Not *Fool* or *Knave*, but *MASON TRUE*;
 And let our *MASTER'S* Fame resound,
 The *noble Duke* of *MONTAGU*.

Chorus.

*Who can unfold the Royal Art?
 Or sing its Secrets in a Song?
 They're safely kept in Mason's HEART,
 And to the ancient Lodge belong.*

(80)

T H E

W A R D E N ' S S O N G :

O R , A N O T H E R

H I S T O R Y o f M A S O N R Y .

C O M P O S ' D

Since the most noble Prince PHILIP Duke of WHARTON
was chosen GRAND-MASTER.

By the *Author*.

To be sung and play'd at the *Quarterly Communication*.

I.

W H E N e'er we are alone,
And ev'ry *Stranger* gone,
In *Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring*,
Begin to play, begin to sing,
The MIGHTY GENIUS of the *lofty Lodge*,
In ev'ry Age
That did engage (JUDGE,
And well inspir'd the PRINCE, the PRIEST, the
The NOBLE and the *Wife* to join
In rearing *Masons* GRAND DESIGN.

II.

The GRAND DESIGN to rear,
Was ever *Masons* Care,
From ADAM down before the *Flood*,
Whose *Art* old NOAH understood,
And did impart to JAPHET, SHEM, and HAM,
Who taught their *Race*
To build apace
Proud BABEL's *Town* and *Tow'r*, until it came
To be admir'd too much, and then
Dispersed were the *Sons* of *Men*.

III.

But tho' their Tongues confus'd
In distant Climes they us'd,
They brought from SHINAR Orders good,
To rear the *Art* they understood:
Therefore sing first the PRINCES of the Isles;
Next BELUS *Great*,
Who fixt his Seat
In old *Affyria*, building stately *Piles*;
And MITZRAIM's *Pyramids* among
The other Subjects of our *Song*.

IV.

And SHEM, who did instil
The useful wond'rous *Skill*
Into the Minds of Nations great:
And ABRAM next, who did relate
Th' *Affyrian* Learning to his Sons, that when
In *Egypt's* Land,
By *Pharaoh's* Hand,
Were roughly taught to be most skilful Men;
Till their *Grand-Master* MOSES rose,
And them deliver'd from their Foes.

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But who can fing his Praife,
 Who did the TENT upraise?
 Then fing his Workmen true as Steel,
 AHOLIAB and BEZALEEL;
 Sing *Tyre* and *Sydon*, and PHENICIANS old.
 But SAMSON's Blot
 Is ne'er forgot:
 He blabb'd his Secrets to his WIFE, that fold
 Her *Husband*, who at laſt pull'd down
 The Houſe on all in *Gaza Town*.

VI.

But SOLOMON the King
 With ſolemn Note we fing,
 Who rear'd at length the GRAND DESIGN,
 By Wealth, and Pow'r, and Art divine;
 Helpt by the *learned* HIRAM Tyrian Prince,
 By *Craftsmen* good,
 That underſtood
 Wife HIRAM ABIF's charming Influence:
 He aided *Jewiſh Maſters* bright,
 Whoſe curious Works none can recite.

VII.

Theſe glorious *Maſon Kings*
 Each thankful Brother fings,
 Who to its Zenith rais'd the *Art*,
 And to all Nations did impart
 The uſeful Skill: For from the TEMPLE fine,
 To ev'ry Land,
 And foreign Strand, (DESIGN;
 The *Craftsmen* march'd, and taught the GRAND
 Of which the KINGS, with mighty *Peers*,
 And *learned Men*, were Overſeers.

VIII.

Diana's TEMPLE next,
 In *Leſſer* ASIA fixt;
 And BABYLON's proud *Walls*, the Seat
 Of NEBUCHADNEZAR the *Great*;
 The *Tomb* of MAUSOLUS, the *Carian King*;
 With many a Pile
 Of lofty Style
 In AFRICA and *Greater* ASIA, fing,
 In GREECE, in SICILY, and ROME,
 That had thoſe Nations overcome.

IX.

Then fing AUGUSTUS too,
 The *Gen'ral Maſter* true,
 Who by VITRUVIUS did refine
 And ſpread the *Maſons* GRAND DESIGN
 Thro' *North* and *Weſt*; till *ancient* BRITONS
 The *Royal Art* (choſe
 In ev'ry Part,
 And *Roman* Architecture could diſcloſe;
 Until the *Saxons* warlike *Rage*
 Deſtroy'd the Skill of many an Age.

X.

At length the *Gothick Style*
 Prevail'd in *Britain's* Iſle,
 When *Maſons* GRAND DESIGN reviv'd,
 And in their well form'd *Lodges* thriv'd,
 Tho' not as formerly in *Roman* Days;
 Yet fing the FANES
 Of *Saxons, Danes*, (the Praiſe,
 Of *Scots, Welch, Iriſh*; but fing firſt
 Of ATHELSTAN and EDWIN Prince,
 Our *Maſter* of great Influence.

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And eke the *Norman Kings*
 The *British Mason* fings;
 Till *Roman* Style revived there,
 And *British* Crowns united were
 In learned JAMES, a *Mason King*, who rais'd
 Fine Heaps of Stones
 By INIGO JONES,
 That rival'd wife PALLADIO, justly prais'd
 In *Italy*, and *Britain* too,
 For Architecture firm and true.

XII.

And thence in evr'y Reign
 Did *Masonry* obtain
 With KINGS, the Noble and the Wife,
 Whose *Fame* refounding to the Skies,
 Excites the present Age in *Lodge* to join,
 And *Aprons* wear
 With Skill and Care,
 To raise the *Masons* ancient GRAND DESIGN,
 And to revive th' *Augustan* STYLE
 In many an artful *glorious* PILE.

XIII.

From henceforth ever fing
 The CRAFTSMAN and the KING,
 With *Poetry* and *Musick* sweet
 Refound their *Harmony* compleat;
 And with *Geometry* in skillful Hand,
 Due *Homage* pay,
 Without Delay, (GRAND:
 To WHARTON'S noble DUKE our MASTER
 He rules the *Free-born Sons* of ART,
 By Love and Friendship, Hand and Heart,

CHORUS.

Who can rehearse the Praise,
 In soft Poetick Lays,
 Or solid Prose, of MASONS true,
 Whose *Art* transcends the common View?
 Their *Secrets*, ne'er to *Strangers* yet expos'd,
 Preserv'd shall be
 By *Masons* Free,
 And only to the *ancient Lodge* disclos'd;
 Because they're kept in *Masons* HEART
 By Brethren of the ROYAL ART.

To fill up this Page, it is thought not amiss to insert here a Paragraph from an old Record of *Masons*, viz. *The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed FREE MASONS, of auncient Staunding and good Reckonning, by means of affable and kind Meetings diverse Tymes, and as a loving Brotherhood shewld use to doe, did frequent this mutual Assembly in the Tyme of King HENRY V. the 12th Year of his most gracious Reign.* And the said Record describing a *Coat of Arms*, much the same with *That* of the LONDON COMPANY of *Free-men* Masons, it is generally believ'd that the said *Company* is descended of the ancient *Fraternity*; and that in former Times no Man was made *Free* of that *Company* until he was install'd in some *Lodge* of *Free* and *Accepted* Masons, as a necessary Qualification. But that laudable Practice seems to have been long in Disfuetude. The Brethren in foreign Parts have also discover'd that several noble and ancient *Societies* and *Orders* of Men have derived their *Charges* and *Regulations* from the *Free* Masons, (which are now the most ancient *Order* upon Earth) and perhaps were originally all Members too of the said ancient and worshipful *Fraternity*. But this will more fully appear in due time.

FELLOW-CRAFTS SONG:

By our Brother CHARLES DELAFAYE *Esq;*

To be Sung and Play'd at the *Grand-Feast*.

I.

HAIL MASONRY! thou *Craft* divine!
Glory of Earth, from Heav'n reveal'd;
Which doth with Jewels precious shine,
From all but *Masons* Eyes conceal'd.

Chorus.

*Thy Praises due who can rehearse
In nervous Prose, or flowing Verse?*

II.

As Men from Brutes distinguish'd are,
A *Mason* other Men excels;
For what's in Knowledge choice and rare
But in his Breast securely dwells?

Chorus.

*His silent Breast and faithful Heart
Preserve the Secrets of the Art.*

III.

From scorching Heat, and piercing Cold;
From Beasts, whose Roar the Forest rends;
From the Assaults of Warriours bold
The *Masons Art* Mankind defends.

Chorus.

*Be to this Art due Honour paid,
From which Mankind receives such Aid.*

IV.

Ensigns of State, that feed our Pride,
Distinctions troublesome, and vain!
By *Masons* true are laid aside:
Arts free-born *Sons* such Toys disdain;

Chorus.

*Ennobled by the NAME they bear,
Distinguish'd by the BADGE they wear.*

V.

Sweet Fellowship, from Envy free:
Friendly Converse of Brotherhood;
The *Lodge's* lasting Cement be!
Which has for Ages firmly stood.

Chorus.

*A Lodge, thus built, for Ages past
Has lasted, and will ever last.*

VI.

Then in our Songs be Justice done
To those who have enrich'd the *Art*,
From *Jabal* down to *BURLINGTON*,
And let each Brother bear a Part.

Chorus.

*Let noble *Masons* *Healts* go round;
Their Praise in Lofty Lodge resound.*

T H E

Enter'd 'PRENTICES SONG.

By our late BROTHER

Mr. MATTHEW BIRKHEAD, deceas'd.

To be fung when all *grave Business* is over, and with the
MASTER'S *Leave*.

I.

COME let us prepare
We *Brothers* that are
Assembled on merry Occasion;
Let's drink, laugh, and fmg;
Our *Wine* has a Spring:
Here's a Health to an *Accepted* MASON.

II.

The *World* is in pain
Our *Secrets* to gain,
And still let them wonder and gaze on;
They ne'er can divine
The *Word* or the *Sign*
Of a *Free* and an *Accepted* MASON.

III.

'Tis *This*, and 'tis *That*,
They cannot tell *What*,
Why so many GREAT MEN of the Nation
Should *Aprons* put on,
To make themselves one
With a *Free* and an *Accepted* MASON.

IV.

Great KINGS, DUKES, and LORDS,
Have laid by their Swords,
Our *Mystry* to put a good Grace on,
And ne'er been asham'd
To hear themselves nam'd
With a *Free* and an *Accepted* MASON.

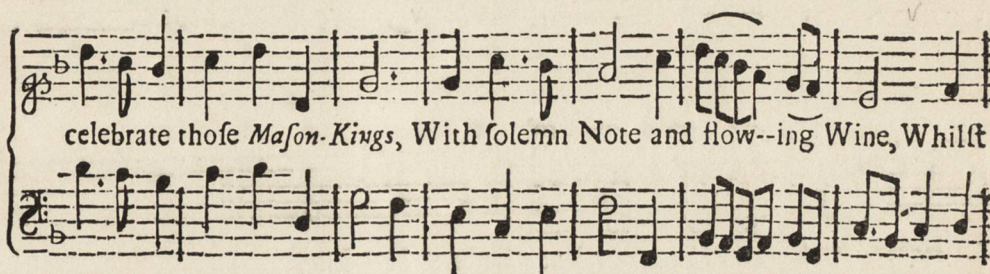
V.

Antiquity's *Pride*
We have on our fide,
And it maketh Men just in their Station:
There's nought but what's good
To be understood
By a *Free* and an *Accepted* MASON.

VI.

Then join *Hand in Hand*,
T'each other firm stand,
Let's be merry, and put a bright Face on:
What *Mortal* can boast
So NOBLE A TOAST,
As a *Free* and an *Accepted* MASON?

One Verse of the Third Part of the Master's Song, with the Chorus, set to Music, by a Brother.



CHORUS.

Who can un—fold the Roy—al Art? or fi—ng its

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Secrets in a Song? They're safely kept in Ma—sons

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Heart, And to the ancient Lodge be—long.

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The last Verſe of the Wardens Song, with the Chorus, ſet to Muſic,
by a Brother.

 Rom henceforth e—ver ſing The *Craftſman* and the

King, With *Poe—try* and *Muſick* ſweet Reſound their *Har—mo—ny*

Reſound their *Har—mo—ny* compleat; And with *Ge—o—me—try*

in ſkil—ful Hand, Due *Homage* Pay, Without De—lay,

Little Slower. To *Wharton's* no—ble Duke our *Ma—ſter Grand*: He rules the
Faſter.



Free-born Sons of Art, By Love and Friendship, by Love and



Friendship, by Love and Friendship, Hand and Heart.

C H O R U S.



Who can re-hearse the Praise, In soft Po-e-tick Lays, Or



Who can re-hearse the Praise, In soft Po-e-tick Lays, Or



so-lid Prose, of *Masons* true, Whose *Art* transcends the common View >



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CHORUS.

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be Preserv'd shall be, by *Masons Free*, And on—ly
 be by *Masons Free*, by *Masons Free*,

to the *ancient Lodge* disclos'd; Because they're
 and to the *ancient Lodge* disclos'd; Because they're kept in

kept in Maſon's Heart, becauſe they're kept in Maſon's Heart by
Maſon's Heart, becauſe they're kept by

Brethren of the Roy-al A R T.
Brethren of the Roy-al A R T.

The TUNE of the Enter'd Prentice's SONG, Compos'd by its Author,
Mr. Birkhead, Deceas'd.

Come let us prepare we Brothers that are met to—gether on
merry Oc—ca—ſion, Let's Drink Laugh and Sing, our Wine has a
Spring 'tis a Health to an Accepted M A S O N.

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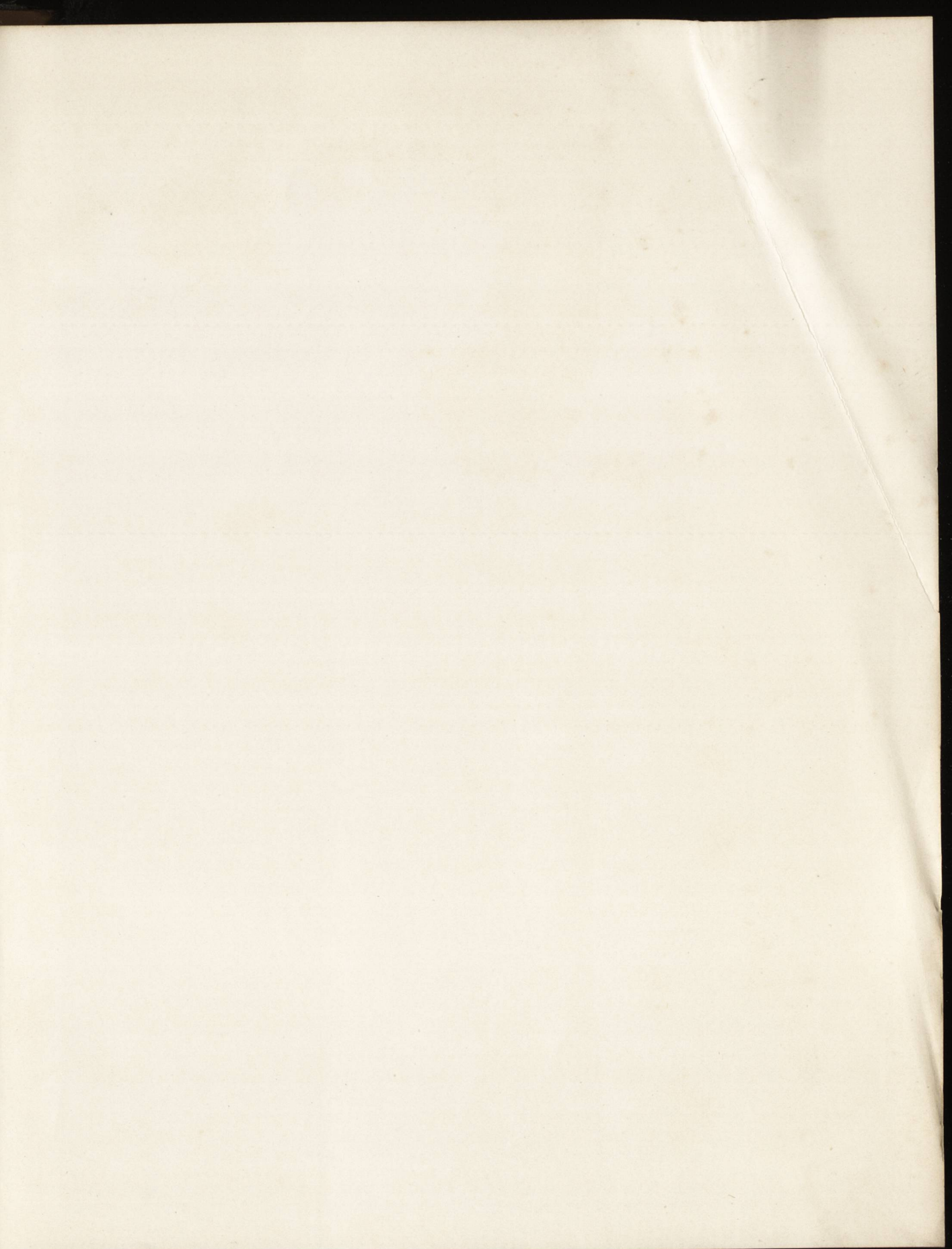
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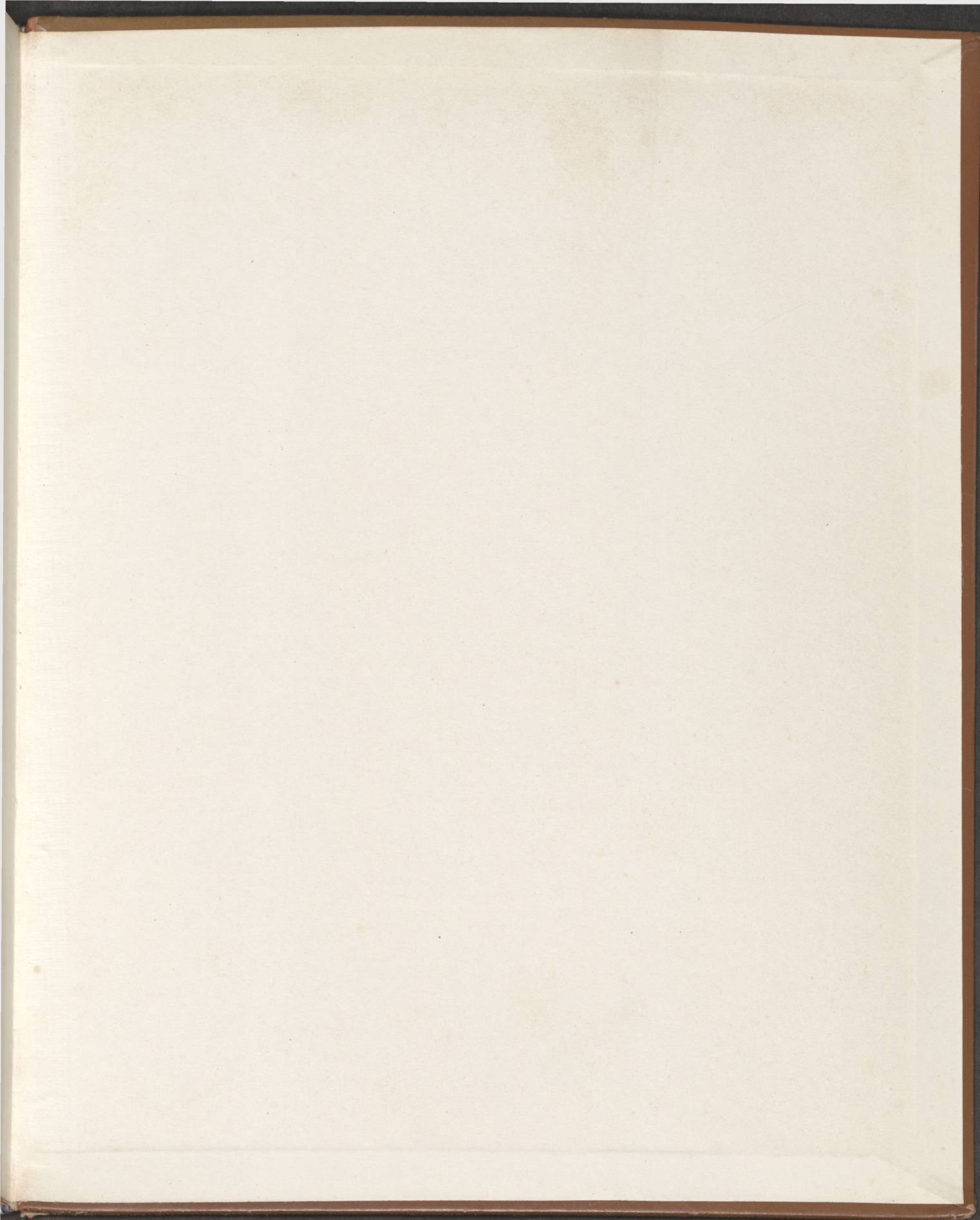
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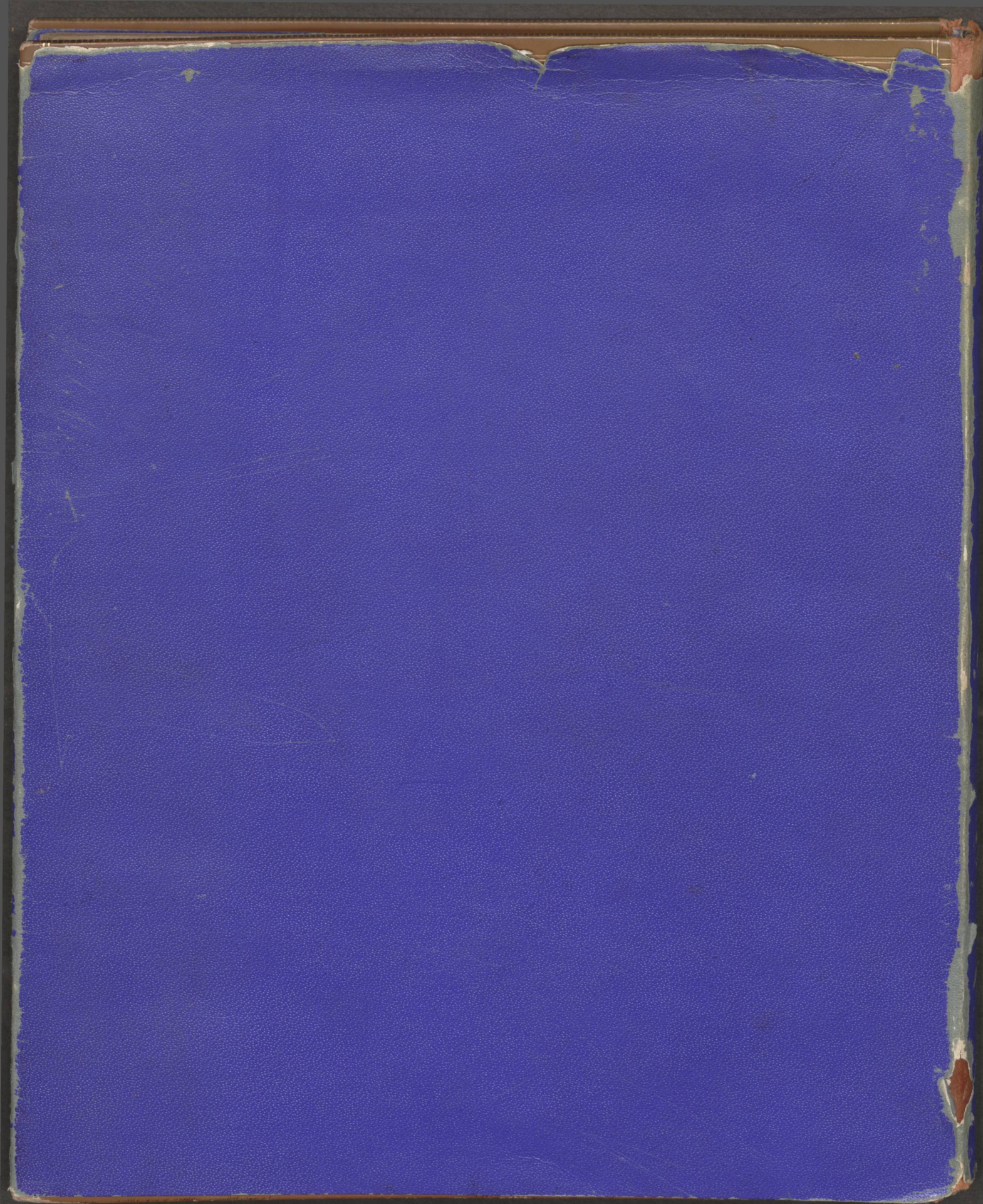
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